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# Rain doesn't dampen passion



Family affair ... Carol, Callun and Ian McKenzie proudly displayed the 1973 Dodge Charger and 1969 VF Valiant they restored between them.

## LOCALS MARCH ON CANBERRA

NUMURKAH and district farmers and business people were among thousands of regional Australians who marched on parliament house in Canberra on Monday, urging federal politicians to scrap the Murray Darling Basin Plan (MDBP).

In excess of 150 people from across the Northern Victorian Irrigation District were among between 3,000 and 4,000 people who walked right up to the doors of parliament house to voice their anger at the effects of the plan on primary producers.

Katunga dairy farmer Bridget Goulding, who was part of the local contingent, told the *Leader* that it was a massive turn out from the Numurkah area.

“People really put themselves out to draw attention to

the situation, and to let the politicians know how they feel,” she said.

“There were many familiar faces - not just farmers, but business owners as well - who took trucks and tractors and gave us a really visible presence.”

There were so many trucks and tractors - estimated to be well over 100 - circling parliament house, that at least 80 more were unable to fit.

Politicians including state member for Shepparton District Suzanna Sheed, Pauline Hanson and Bob Katter addressed the crowd on Monday.

Nationals Member for Nicholls Damian Drum was nowhere to be seen on Monday, but did appear outside parliament briefly on Tuesday morning - when he was instantly surrounded by angry protesters - on his way into a sitting which commenced at 9am.

Though senior government ministers, including Minister for Wa-

ter Resources and Drought David Littleproud and Minister for Agriculture Bridget McKenzie, failed to address the crowd on Monday, they are believed to have met with a group of irrigators on Monday night.

Despite the anger of many farmers regarding the plan, and demands that it should be scrapped, National Irrigators Council chief executive Steve Whan said that the MDBP is not the only cause of water issues, and scrapping it would not solve them.

Bridget Goulding is having none of it.

“They keep saying ‘be careful what you wish for, if we scrap the plan you could end up with worse’, but I don’t think we can get worse than what we’ve got,” she said.

“I challenge them to come and live the life on a few properties around here for a few weeks and tell us they think it could be worse,” she said.

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# Changed conditions require changed behaviour

*Opinion - Country Fire Authority  
Commanding Officer/Chief  
Executive Officer Steve Warrington.*

VICTORIA is at the start of another hot, dry and difficult fire season.

That was clear on November 21, when we called the first 'Code Red' fire danger rating in almost 10 years. That day, we saw catastrophic fire conditions with more than 150 fires start, some of which continue to burn today.

There is no denying that climate change is increasing the frequency, severity and timing of dangerous bushfire weather conditions.

Into the future, extreme heat and drought are likely to compound, leading to more fires with more extreme fire behaviours.

More than 30 years ago, Ash Wednesday became a tragic new milestone for fire conditions in our state when 75 Victorians and South Australians lost their lives. The majority of these deaths occurred as people attempted to evacuate at the last minute.

These deaths, coupled with research on the flammability of buildings, led to the general idea that if you couldn't leave well ahead of a fire, the safest thing was to stay and defend the house.

That approach was supported by fire services for many years.

Tragically when Black Saturday devastated our state in 2009, we realised we needed to do more to keep people safe.

The 2009 Victorian bushfires introduced us to catastrophic bushfire conditions, the likes of

which had never been seen in modern Australia.

In catastrophic, or 'Code Red' conditions as they are now known, any fire that ignites will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Fire services will find it very difficult to put them out. We now know that houses simply cannot withstand a fire in these conditions and even the best prepared homes will not be safe.

We learnt the tragic consequences of that fact in the 2009 Victorian bushfires. Of the more than 170 people who died, more than 130 died in or near their homes.

We realised that day that staying and defending in those conditions was a futile venture with the most heartbreaking outcomes.

And that's why we talk incessantly about leaving early. Weather conditions have changed. Fires have changed. Our behaviour must now change too.

Immediately following the 2009 disaster, community survey data showed that more Victorians than ever intended to leave early on days of extreme and Code Red fire danger. Unfortunately, as the horror of these fires moves deeper into our past, complacency has begun to creep in. We are seeing steady decreases in the number of people who intend to leave early.

As a fire agency, we fear that Victorians are sliding into a 'wait and see' mentality with no clear plan or trigger point of what to do and when. We are heading back to the attitudes which saw dozens of people die on Ash Wednesday.

We cannot allow this to happen.

That's why CFA and our agency partners have launched a new advertising campaign which you will have seen in this newspaper, on television, online and heard on your local radio.

The ads are unapologetic in their confronting imagery. We need to shock the community into action.

The ads ask 'how well do you know fire?' and I ask you now, did you know that radiant heat can kill you from over 300 metres away?

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Did you know fire can travel at

25kms per hour?

Being unaware of these dangers could cost the lives of you and your family.

This fire season, we are asking every Victorian living in high-risk fire areas to take responsibility for their own safety.

If your home is in a high fire risk area, the only way to guarantee that you will survive a fire on days of Extreme or Code Red conditions, is leave early and not be there. No home, farm or business is worth your life.

I urge you, please plan ahead and stay safe this season.



**Warning ...** Country Fire Authority Commanding Officer/Chief Executive Officer Steve Warrington.

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## Hot, dry summer on the way

THE Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) has released its forecast for summer - which officially started on Sunday - and it is predicting a hotter and drier than average few months across most of the country, particularly the east coast.

Nationally, the BOM is predicting 'very warm' nights and days, with an 80% chance of warmer than normal days and nights.

Conditions are predicted to be drier than average along the east coast, including Tasmania, though the odds are looking closer to normal for central Australia, whilst the north west of the country may well experience wetter than normal conditions.

For Victoria specifically, day-time temperatures look set to be warmer than usual and western parts of the state are in for some warmer than usual nights.

As for rainfall, Victoria has a 70-80% chance of experiencing drier than normal conditions over much of the state.

The Bureau's manager of long-range forecasting Dr Andrew Watkins said there are two main influences at work, the first of which is a positive Indian Ocean dipole.

"That means there are warmer than normal waters off Africa, whilst there are cooler than normal waters between Australia

and Indonesia," Dr Watkins said.

"This tends to reduce the amount of water coming into the atmosphere, and parks big high pressure systems over Victoria, reducing cloud cover and fronts that come through.

The second factor affecting conditions, at least until the middle of January, is a southern annular mode (SAM) - also known as the Antarctic Oscillation (AAO) - at play.

"A southern annular mode tends to push weather systems northwards over Australia, which means that New South Wales and Queensland will be experiencing more of the strong westerly wind band coming off the ocean than Victoria will," Dr Watkins said.

With the BOM's recently released preliminary spring summary showing spring 2019 being one of the top five driest on record in Victoria (though rainfall was close to average close to Melbourne and the south west coast), it looks like we're set for more of the same rainfall wise.

Spring days were warmer than average for most of the state, with record hot spring weather for most of the state, but cool nights were common, putting the state's mean minimum temperature for spring on track to be the lowest since 2003.

## Fire water supply warning

GOULBURN Valley Water (GVW) is reminding residents that the town water supply can't be relied on during a major fire event.

With the official Fire Danger Period now in effect, residents are being urged to ensure they have an alternate water supply if they plan to defend their property as part of their fire action plan, particularly if they live in a bushfire prone area in an urban fringe area near grasslands or scrublands.

GVW's Operations Manager Steven Nash said, during a bushfire, the demand on the water supply network can exceed the system's capacity.

"If there is a fire, we can't guarantee we will be able to maintain normal pressure or normal supply, and if there is extreme demand on the network, your supply may be reduced temporarily," Mr Nash said.

"On days of very high and above fire danger, we recommend people keep a supply of drinking water ready - for example, fill several large containers for drinking, or fill your bathtub."

If electricity is lost, GVW may also

not be able to operate systems which require pumps until a backup generator is in place if available.

Fire may also affect GVW's ability to respond or react to any system issue. Where possible, GVW will work to notify customers whenever their water supply is affected.

Mr Nash said GVW continually works to prepare for the fire season by ensuring its people and water supply infrastructure have the necessary back up systems in place to minimise supply interruptions under normal conditions.

GVW uses SMS to notify customers of any service interruptions, faults or issues - to register your mobile phone number, you can phone 1800 454 500 at any time.

For further information and advice on planning and preparing for a bushfire, visit the CFA's website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 240 667.

GVW also has more information on town water supplies during a fire at [www.gvwater.vic.gov.au/service-interruptions/natural-disasters](http://www.gvwater.vic.gov.au/service-interruptions/natural-disasters).

## Spontaneous combustion at Naring

A RUBBISH fire at Naring on Friday is believed to have been the result of spontaneous combustion.

Naring and Muckatah brigades were called to a property at the

corner of Lukies and Larissa Roads at 4.50pm, arriving to find a pile of farm rubbish, which included some old hay, had ignited.

The brigades soon had the fire under control.

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# Numurkah Vinnies members awarded for exceptional service

EVERY community needs organisations whose focus is helping its most vulnerable members, and every such organisation needs members prepared to devote countless hours and energy over many years to achieve that aim.

St Vincent de Paul Society's Numurkah conference has been lucky enough to have many such members since it began in the 1960s, and three of those were recently honoured with the Emeritus Vincentian award - the first from the Numurkah conference to ever have done so.

Aline Green and Bev and Brian Morrison formed the backbone of the society's Numurkah conference for many years, each bringing a rock-solid dedication and a unique skill-set to the organisation.

Whilst each of them has retired from the Numurkah conference, they have all expressed a wish to remain in touch, and have therefore been designated as 'no longer active'.

The prestigious Emeritus Vincentian award is awarded by the state council of the St Vincent de Paul Society to those who have gone above and beyond in their service over many years.

Numurkah conference vice president Michael Thorn, who nominated the trio for the award, told the *Leader* it was well deserved recognition and thanks for the value they added to the Numurkah conference, and therefore the community, over many years.

"Aline, Bev and Brian all did so much behind the scenes that made a huge contribution to the smooth running of the conference and the store, it would have been much harder to achieve what we have without them," he said.

"Aline was conference treasurer for around 13 years, which is a big responsibility and required many hours of work every week, but she did it willingly and very capably," Michael said.

"She was also hands-on at the shop and in the early days she would stay back each night with my wife Maryann and restock it ready for the next day.

"Brian was shop treasurer for a number of years as well as conference president for at least five years, and was always helping out with something in the background."

"Bev helped in so many different ways that lifted the local conference, from cleaning the shop to organising and laying the wreaths for Remem-

brance Day."

Conference member Annette Cope told the *Leader* Bev's greatest asset was her connection to the community.

"Bev had been at the shop from the beginning and was in direct contact with a lot of local families and always knew who needed support," Annette said.

"She worked tirelessly to ensure that people in the community who may be struggling were supported and got what they needed."

Michael said that, although she is no longer active, Bev's community connections remain a

valuable asset to the local conference.

"She is still a conduit to those in need. She will still say 'so-and-so looks like they need help' so we will be in a position to reach out to those who need us at any given time.

"I wouldn't want her and Brian to stop doing that, because it is such a simple yet vital role that really needs to be filled."

Michael said, with Christmas approaching, he is slightly nervous as to how it will go without the active participation of the three former stalwarts.

"Through their willingness to take on promi-

nent positions within the conference, Aline, Bev and Brian really helped everything run smoothly.

"We have a very busy time ahead with a lot of people needing support, and Bev and Brian especially were always at the forefront of the Christmas appeal.

"It will be interesting to see how we go this year without them. I'm sure we'll manage, but we will definitely miss them.

"The Emeritus Vincentian award is based on merit, and all three of them certainly earned theirs."



Well deserved ... Bev Morrison, Brian Morrison and Aline Green are the first members of the St Vincent de Paul Society's Numurkah conference to receive the Emeritus Vincentian award.

## POLICE BEAT

### Campbell Street hit twice

COBRAM Criminal Investigation Unit is investigating a fire that occurred on Campbell Street, Numurkah in the early hours of November 21.

Police and CFA attended, and the fire was quickly extinguished.

Investigations are also continuing after a vehicle was stolen from a property in Campbell Street overnight on November 30.

Residents are being reminded to lock their vehicles, after offenders gained entry to an unlocked vehicle on Tunnock Road overnight on November 27, and stole an electric shaver, glasses and stationery.

In the early hours of December 2, a refrigeration unit was stolen from the rear of a business located in Melville Street.

## Death mars Strawberry Fields

TOCUMWAL'S Strawberry Fields music festival has been marred by the death of a 24 year-old former Shepparton man on the weekend.

Glenn McRae, who was born in Shepparton and attended Wanganui Park Secondary College before moving to Melbourne, was taken to the medical tent at around 12.45am Sunday, with his friends telling paramedics he had taken drugs including GHB, MDMA and cocaine.

Mr McRae suffered a cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead at 2.02am.

Festival organisers released a statement saying that their team worked year round to ensure the 9,500 festival-goers were hosted in the safest possible environ-

ment.

"We are completely devastated by this news," the statement said.

"We would like to send our sincere condolences to his family and friends during this distressing and terribly sad time."

The statement urged festival-goers to think carefully before taking illegal substances.

"We are begging people to stop and think about the ramifications of their choices on their family and friends and to stay safe," the statement said.

"We have implemented every single harm minimisation strategy that is legally available to us ... however, we cannot control the choices of individual patrons."

## Water for Fodder program opens in Nicholls

MEMBER for Nicholls Damian Drum is encouraging Goulburn Valley farmers to apply for water under the Federal Government's Water for Fodder Program, when it opens next week.

Mr Drum said that at \$100 a megalitre, water available through the program is heavily discounted from the market price in our region.

"Our farmers can apply from the second week in December and water will start to flow before Christmas," he said.

Water purchased through the program must be used to produce fodder or pasture - fodder can't be a by-product.

"Farmers will have to buy the water in 50ML lots, with a maximum purchase of 100ML," Mr Drum said.

"100ML would grow around

120 tonnes of pasture providing affordable fodder to farmers in Nicholls."

Minister for Water Resources and Drought David Littleproud released guidelines for the program on Sunday.

"Water for Fodder will help farmers feed livestock so they can recover quickly when the drought breaks," Minister Littleproud said.

"It will help farmers keep their herds healthy so they're not forced to destock. This keeps farmers doing what they do best and provides hope in tough times.

"Our vision is for farm businesses and rural communities to be prepared for and capable of managing drought. This is just one part of our drought plan."

For more information visit: <https://www.damiandrum.com.au/19-12-02/>.

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**Cheers to that ...** Numurkah Men's Shed members were thrilled to learn that their grant application had been approved.

# Shedders celebrating expansion grant

NUMURKAH men's shed members are celebrating this week, after learning an application for a grant to extend their premises has been approved.

The grant of \$22,550 will allow the group to construct an additional space at the front of the existing building, that will act as a dedicated painting/quiet room.

Men's shed project manager Alan Anderson said the grant will make a big difference to the group.

"It's fantastic news, we couldn't be happier," he said.

"It will provide us with a dedicated, dust-free space to do painting, because that's quite hard at the moment. Plus, it will give us a quiet space to do some of the finer work, which can be a bit

of a challenge to concentrate on when there are blokes around you using power tools and chatting and moving things around."

The extra space is also a boon because there are more men than ever chatting in the Numurkah men's shed, with four new members joining throughout 2019.

Men's sheds were originally created as an outlet for retired men who no longer had access to the space, equipment and companionship they enjoyed during their working lives, with an aim to improve the health and wellbeing of members and reduce the number of men who are at risk from preventable health issues that may result from isolation.

Members of men's sheds come from all walks of life, and all ages are welcome. The bond that

unites them is that they are men with time on their hands and would like something meaningful to do with that time.

Men's sheds have proved particularly valuable in areas such as ours, where retired farmers find themselves missing a physical outlet once they move into town.

One Numurkah men's shed member who falls into that category is Rob Clouston, who said the shed gave him something to look forward to.

"We're all in the same boat here, retired with too much time on our hands," he said.

"You get to meet a lot of different blokes and we have a lot of fun and banter. If I didn't have this place, what would I do otherwise?"

Fellow retired farmer and men's shedder John Wait has also created a blooming vegetable gar-

den on the premises, the produce from which the men share in.

The men create a wide range of wooden products for sale at local markets or in exchange for donations - including their very popular adirondack style patio chairs which have proved so popular that they have run out of stock and are currently taking orders.

Those who find they just can't wait to get their hands on some of the chairs can buy a ticket in the shed's Christmas raffle, for the chance to win a pair.

The shed extension grant has been made through the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services' Men's Shed Funding Program, and work on the extension is expected to be completed by mid 2020.



## Community Update



### Office closing for Christmas

Our council offices in Yarrawonga and Cobram close from 12pm Tuesday 24 December 2019 and re-open at 9am on **Thursday 2 January 2020**.

Our Visitor Information centres will be open every day except for Christmas Day.

Limited essential services will continue during this period.

Please call (03) 5871 9222 or visit our website for more information.

In an emergency please call 000.

### Recycling – how, what and why

While your kerbside recycling bin is great for common household recyclable items such as paper, plastic bottles, cans and glass, there are other recycling options out there for us all.

Recycling stations have been positioned at the Yarrawonga Service Centre and Cobram Service Centre – and in coming days the Numurkah Visitors Info Centre and Barmah Heritage Centre in Nathalia – which take items free of charge such as:

- Household batteries
- Small e-waste items
- Oral care
- Media including CDs, DVDs, cassettes and videos
- Pens, markers and textas

Items such as white goods, scrap metal and polystyrene can be taken to any Moira transfer station – and it's FREE.

For further information please see our website or download our Waste Info app.

### Organic waste anniversary – five years

This month we celebrate the five year anniversary of our kerbside organic waste service.

2019 also saw the expansion of this service into most residential homes in Moira Shire.

Since 2014 we have diverted nearly 13,000 tonnes of organics from landfill and have flipped, on average 3,261 bins each month.

Spring is by far our biggest season where we average around 269 tonnes per month!

Congratulations must go to the residents of Moira Shire with our area consistently leading the state in low contamination rates.

### Members needed - Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre Advisory Committee

We are seeking four community members to join the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre Advisory Committee.

If you are passionate about the cultural heritage of the Barmah area and the future direction for the Heritage and Education Centre then this is for you!

Your expression of interest, outlining the skills and contribution you can bring to the committee, must be received in writing or online by **5pm Friday 20 December**.

Go to our website for more information.

### Bin Collections – Christmas and New Year schedule

There will be no garbage, recycling or organics collections on Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December) or New Year's Day (Wednesday 1 January).

Residents who usually place their garbage & recycling bins out on a Tuesday night for Wednesday collection will need to put their bins out on the evening of **Monday 23 December** for collection on the Tuesday and then again on the evening of **Monday 30 December** for collection the following day.

If you have any queries don't hesitate to give DSK Waste Services a free call on 1800 041 041.



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# Time to light up the night and win

'TIS the season to light up the night with the best display of Christmas lights you can get your hands on.

Numurkah Love Our Lifestyle is running a competition for the best display in - or around - town, with the winning house receiving a \$100 Why Leave Town gift card to spend at participating Love Our Lifestyle businesses.

Love Our Lifestyle committee member Chris Matthews said it's a great chance to enjoy all the fun of Christmas to be had right on our doorstep.

"There's no need to leave the Numurkah area to enjoy the best bits of Christmas - including light displays that people take a lot of pride in - because we have them right here," she said.

Starting next week, the *Leader* will print a list of local light displays in the two editions left before Christmas - if you know of a great display that we haven't listed, make sure you give us a call and let us know.

The winner will be announced in the first edition of the *Leader* for 2020 on January 15.



**Team effort ...** Dubbo farmers Matt Whale and David Whillock (far left and right) with Katamatite Lions members (from left) Graham Lukies, Rob Peachey, Michael Coates, Julie Ballard and Arthur Jeffrey teamed up to help struggling fire-affected farmers.

# Katty Lions dig deep for fire and drought victims

IT'S no secret to anybody that times are tough for farmers across the district, but that hasn't stopped them banding together with the Katamatite Lions Club to help out those doing it even tougher up north.

With fires raging across NSW and Queensland, Katamatite Lions president Graham Lukies reached out to Need for Feed Disaster Relief, a Lions initiative that supports farmers in areas affected by fire, flood and drought, to see how his club could help.

"They said they needed hay," Graham said. "We've helped out with cash before, taking the proceeds from 'big day out in a little town' last year up to Coonamble, but we've never been involved with a hay run.

"I thought I'd make a few calls and I could probably get enough local farmers who'd throw in a few bales each that I could come up with a

truck load." In fact, Graham found eight farmers, including himself, who donated five truck loads of hay between them.

"I was a bit surprised, because times aren't that easy down here either, but people around here are generous and they can see that at least we have some hay, whereas up north, between the drought and the fires they don't have any."

Need for Feed organised a convoy of 15 farmers from Wellington Shire in NSW who were prepared to donate their time and trucks to head south to pick up loads from around southern NSW and north east Victoria.

On Friday morning David Whillock and Matt Whale from Dubbo visited farms across the district to load up the precious cargo.

David told the *Leader* farmers everywhere were doing it hard, so it was important they help each

other. "Between us we can make a difference to the farmers who are doing it hardest," he said.

"These guys are giving up some hay, and if we're prepared to give up a bit of time and petrol we can get it to where it's needed."

After collecting their loads, the convoy met up at Coolac, just north of Holbrook, on Friday night before heading north to Macksville.

"Need for Feed will organise the distribution of the hay with the Lions up there," Graham said.

"Each farmer might get half a dozen bales or so, which isn't going to solve all their problems but it will help them out in the short term and that's a start."

Katamatite Lions secretary Rob Peachey said the club had been happy to rally around and make sure the run happened.

"It's what Lions do," he said.

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**Good family day out ...** Angelo Giunta wasn't letting his parents Mike and Loi miss out on the fun, whatever the weather.



**Bringing the KHAOS ...** Jasmine Green from Wyuna got to meet a few fans who have watched her restore the KHAOS on Youtube.

# Rain can't dampen passion

IF proof were ever required that car people are a hardy breed, Sunday's Show Us Ya Wheels provided it.

Despite a persistent drizzle for much of the day, the annual event attracted a respectable number of entrants, as well as a good amount of people through the gate.

Around 350 vehicles of all vintages and types - cars, buses tractors and motorbikes - entered the event, with around 3,500 coming along to enjoy the display.

Show Us Ya Wheels committee member, and event founder, Dean Graham said considering the weather, it was a good turn out.

"Numbers were definitely down, but all in all it was still quite positive," he said.

"We had a really good turn out for the street parade, and everyone who came had a good time."

Vehicle entrants ranged from the absolute classic to the weird and wonderful, but the sheer love for, and commitment to, the vehicles shone through as a common denominator.

Bill Senecko who drove down from Corowa in his 1966 Ford F100, told the *Leader* it was his first time at Show Us Ya Wheels, but it wouldn't be his last.

"It's a very nice show and, sure, the rain dampens it a bit, but what does that matter? I'll definitely be back," he said.

Every vehicle on display had a story behind it, such as those entered by the McKenzie family from Shepparton.

The gleaming purple 1973 Dodge Charger was swapped by Carol McKenzie for a Mazda 626 28 years ago as a gift for husband Ian, but it sat in the shed for 22 years before he found time to finally restore it.

Sitting beside the charger was son Callun's pride and joy, his 1969 VF Valiant, which became a family restoration project after Ian rescued it from Golly Keen's paddock where it had languished for years, and gave it to Callun as a graduation present.

Whilst some vehicles were 'family-famous', others were legitimately well-known, such as 'KHAOS' which was entered by Jasmine Green from Kountry Kustoms in Wyuna.

Darren from Waaia told the *Leader* he was excited to see KHAOS in person, having watched Jasmine's restoration videos on Youtube.

"It's a real credit to her, and it looks even better in person. It's great to get the chance to see it and ask her a few questions," he said.

That's exactly the type of story Show Us Ya Wheels president Damian Hipwell loves to hear.

"It was great to see people enjoying the day and getting involved in the various events and competitions," he said.

"We still had plenty of entries in things like 'chuck a motor on it', which is what we love to see.

"We also found that people who came stayed to the end and watched the presentations, so despite numbers being down, the show was really well supported.

"An event like this can't happen with the support of the community and sponsors and we are really grateful to them all, and want to say a big thank you to everyone for their support."

Perhaps the final word should go to Dean Graham, the man who got the wheel rolling all the way back in 2000.

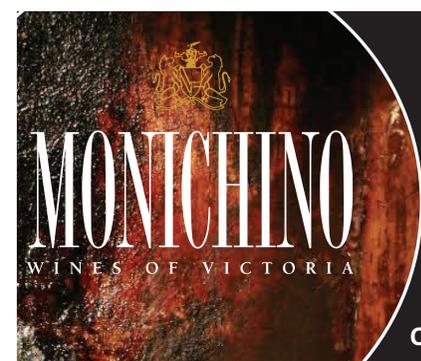
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**Boy racer ...** Logan Hyland from Benalla was having a ball at the rocker cover racing.



**Weird and wonderful ...** This highly suspended vehicle attracted plenty of attention.



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**New home ...** New Anglican priest Victor Adams is enjoying the quiet and harmonious nature of the parish of Numurkah and Nathalia.

## St George's brings new priest to community

ST GEORGE'S rectory has new residents, with Victor Adams, the new priest-in-charge of the Anglican parish of Numurkah and Nathalia, having been inducted into the role last Thursday evening.

Originally from Cape Town South Africa, Victor and his family moved to Australia two years ago, and he has been ministering at St Augustine's parish Shepparton for the past 18 months.

Victor will continue to work at St Augustine's two days a week for an interim period, before moving from three days a week to full-time in Numurkah.

Victor told the *Leader* he and his wife were drawn to Australia through a sense of adventure.

"We thought, we are a young family, lets spread our wings and go on an adventure and explore the beauty of Australia," he said.

Planning to stay for the long-term, Victor said the family - which includes wife Elizabeth and daughter Ruth 17 and son Nathan 15 - have settled in well.

"There are some cultural differences of course,

but things are quite similar on the whole. You drive on the left hand side of the road, and if you have that in common then it is not so different."

Victor, who was ordained at age 27 and started church ministry work as a teenager, said he was called to that work at a young age.

"My parents will tell you that I was about eight years-old when I first started to speak about it, and I know that I felt the assurance in my heart that it is what I should do since I was quite young," he said.

Victor said he enjoys the community work that comes with ministry.

"I love working with people and journeying with people to reconstruct what we should be doing together as a community.

"I especially enjoy working in smaller towns because there is such a strong sense of community.

"I think this area of Numurkah and Nathalia is going to suit us very well. They are friendly, hospitable, quiet and harmonious communities and that is a really wonderful way to be."



**Home away from home ...** Roland and Tammy Eagleton with cattery guest Lala in one of their boutique pods.

## Lion's lick is the cat's meow

NO matter how eagerly we're anticipating a much-deserved get away, finding a safe place for our feline friends to stay while we're gone can make planning a trip more stressful than it needs to be.

Luckily for Numurkah cat lovers, there is now a place close to town where they can take their cats to be cared for in kitty comfort by fellow cat lovers.

Roland and Tammy Eagleton, who happily describe themselves as 'mad cat people', spent 18 months lovingly preparing an old piggery on their Shinnicks Road property to serve as a boutique cattery.

The cattery, which oozes rustic charm, has four pods which can accommodate up to eight cats.

Tammy told the *Leader* that they ensured that each pod can comfortably accommodate two cats, so cats from the same family can stay together.

"We want the cats to be able to be as relaxed and comfortable as possible," she said.

"Roland is working on creating another three pods, two of which can be opened into one large pod to accommodate up to six cats.

"We know some people have quite a few cats

and this will give them a chance to go away without having to worry about their cats being separated."

Each of the existing pods features a climbing and scratching 'tree' and a large window, so the cats have a view and plenty of natural light, and most also have access to a private, secure outdoor area.

Best of all, Roland and Tammy and their two daughters make sure each cat gets plenty of human attention and affection.

Roland said that's one of the many benefits of the business for the family.

"One of the purposes of starting a business here was so Tammy could work from home," he said.

"When we thought about it, as we are all cat lovers and have plenty of space, it was the perfect business for us. We have cats of our own, but we'll take any chance to get to know a new cat, and we know what cats need and how to care for them."

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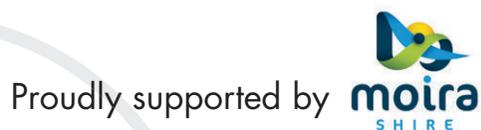
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# 100 years ago

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To view these editions online go to [trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/title/591](http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/title/591).

**WOMEN'S DRESS REFORM.**

The campaign initiated by the Council of Women in Sydney to secure dress reform for women on the lines of decency is extending. A message from Goulburn states that Father O'Reilly, rector of St. John's College, Sydney University, speaking lately at Bishop Gallagher's golden jubilee celebration at Goulburn, alluded to the long lists of divorces filed in the court. The dressing of the women of the present day was becoming more and more an intolerable scandal. Many women were anxious to take off as many clothes as the police would allow them to take off. Father O'Reilly, having referred to the pastoral issued by Archbishop Vaughan in 1879, in which it was stated that if religion were excluded from the public schools it would tend to lead to a crop of infidelity and immorality, said that what Archbishop Vaughan stated 40 years ago had come to pass. The divorce courts were proof of it. A thousand cases had been listed for hearing the other day in New South Wales and the courts were not able to overtake them. Was there any man who pretended to be a good Australian who was satisfied with the present condition of morality in this State as revealed in the divorce courts? We were rapidly becoming a disgrace to modern civilization. He instanced the decline in the birth rate, and the systematic iniquity at the back of it.

**DROUGHT LOSSES.**

A member of one of the biggest firms of horse-dealers in Australia stated last week that he estimated that 20,000 horses had been lost in New South Wales during the present drought. In one mob of 1600 horses no fewer than 300 had died already. In addition to those that had died of starvation, thousands had been shot because there was no feed, and it was best to put them quickly out of their misery. Scores of stations in New South Wales had shot fifty and sixty horses each and the starvation and the shooting were still going on.

**WATER FOR THE DISTRICT.**  
To the Editor of "The Leader"

Sir,—I think that the proceedings of the last meeting of the Water Trust show that the commissioners are a kindly, without guile sort of men when dealing with public business, anyway. Discussing the water question, they spoke of the probable shortage owing to the dry season; they instanced through the use of water by several ratepayers the necessity to put on meters; they suggested stopping irrigating small plots of lucerne, and the probable necessity of stopping the watering of fruit gardens, etc. It was shown that the Broken River at Benalla had been flowing at least one inch above summer level for a considerable period, but no water came into the Numurkah territory. It was stated by the engineer that a big pumping plant had been engaged lifting water above Casey's weir, and also that the Tungamah Water Trust area had interminable channels and swamps to fill, and, the engineer added, with the gracious condescension of Mr Kelly the pumping had been stopped (presumably enough has been pumped for a time) and that now a flow would come in to this territory (if we have a bit of luck); and—mark! the river is now quoted at 6in. above summer level. The commissioners took all this with a sigh of relief—glad to know it might be worse, I suppose. I do not blame Mr Kelly (I think him a good officer) or the Tungamah commissioners, nor do I think the leopard changes its spots. In the past the water has been kept by Tungamah. It is our duty to see that our fair share comes along. That Mr Kelly has had a holiday should not have affected the flow of water in the creek, though it has evidently. I don't know how many thousands—over thirty, I should say have been expended by the trust, and privately, in weirs and other aids to store water in these districts. On the evidence of the last meeting of the trust, though there should be a flowing stream, the creek in a few days would be dry in long stretches. In the year 1914-15 at Nathalia the water storage was dry, and practically a dry creek to Barmah, though Com. Ball said, in discussing the question of meters, that there was plenty of water. Surely the commissioners should have put in a vigorous protest and further appointed an officer to see that the Numurkah territory got its quota. There, may be a very long dry time ahead, and every day the creek flows means a supply a month or two longer, besides encouraging all the little industries along its banks.—  
Yours, etc. GEORGE STICKELS.

# Side hustle keeps River flowing

CONVEYANCING research may seem like a left-field kind of part time job for a teenage aspiring rapper, but this is the age of the side hustle, and River Loizou isn't about to let himself be pigeon-holed.

River knows that, as someone with creative aspirations, he needs to use his brains as well as his artistic passion and, to that end, has teamed up with his mum, solicitor Helen Nicholas, to create a win-win situation for them both.

Earlier this year, Year 11 student River completed a course to qualify him in legal support, which allows him to assist Helen with conveyancing searches as well as other basic legal office duties.

River said that music is still his ultimate career goal and having a way to meet the financial demands of that is important.

"You always need equipment with music, and I want to set up my own studio and that costs money, so having skills and qualifications that I can use for that is great. I can also fit it around my school work and music, which makes it ideal," he said.

Helen told the *Leader* that it was an arrangement that worked well for both of them.

"Having River be able to open a file and do the basic research - which is around the first third of the work - frees me up to do other work, and allows me to offer conveyancing work at a flat-rate which is a great value for the business," she said.

"It also gives me some peace of mind that, when River graduates from high school and moves away, he will have a means of supporting himself, as he will still be able to work for me remotely as well as for other solicitors.

"I feel that he has already started that transition to independence, which is great."

Far from River riding on his mum's coat tails, Helen said, if anything, it's the other way around.

"River's been writing and performing for a few years now and he's better known than I am already," Helen said.

"People often ask me if I'm the rapper's mum, so I think his profile can only be a benefit to the business."

Though he's happy to have part-time work, music is still very much the main game for River,



**Win-win arrangement ...** River Loizou and his mother Helen Nicholas have found an arrangement that works for both of them.

who continues to perform as Rivity Rascal with the group Heard Instinct Collective.

A recent highlight for River was the group's inclusion in the line up of the inaugural Land of Plenty music festival in Shepparton, which he describes as the best gig ever.

"It was awesome. I got to meet Briggs, who has always been a real idol of mine, and Tones and I and heaps of other artists, the crowd was huge and we got paid as well," he said.

While he's stoked to have been able to take

to the big stage, River, who self-released a CD called Home demo last year, doesn't consider himself too big to perform for free at local community events. He performed on Sunday at Show Us Ya Wheels, and is once again on the bill for Numurkah's upcoming carols by candlelight event.

"I just love performing my music," he said.

"I'm glad to be able to earn money with the legal work while I work my way up in the music industry, but it will never take the place of music."

## Christmas Lights COMPETITION

Numurkah Love Our Lifestyle is running a Christmas lights competition and the winning household will receive a \$100 'Why Leave Town' gift card.

To nominate a house call the Numurkah Leader on 5862 1034 or Email [printads@leader.net.au](mailto:printads@leader.net.au) with its address.

The winner will be announced in the first edition of the Numurkah Leader for 2020, January 15.

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# Celebrating nourishment of body and spirit

IN the past 12 months, 96 volunteers served 6,336 meals to 90 clients in Numurkah via MHA Care's meals on wheels program.

As MHA CEO Michael Hogan observed at the volunteer Christmas function last week, that represents each volunteer supporting a vulnerable member of the community.

"Our volunteers are a wonderful example of how people in small communities band together to hold each other, and the community, up," he said.

"They not only make sure our customers have a hot, nutritious meal, but also keep them engaged with the community and give them the opportunity to stay living where they want to live."

Numurkah's meals on wheels volunteers were among the 372 volunteers across Moira Shire who delivered 21,090 meals to 331 customers across the shire in the past 12 months.

One of those volunteers was Heather Gilroy from Katunga who has been volunteering on an emergency basis for the past 12 months.

"I couldn't commit to being on the roster regularly, but I am happy to help out, if I can, when someone can't do it," she said.

"It works out to about once a month, for an hour. The customers are always pleased to see you, and I enjoy having a chat with them."

Workmates Narelle Page and Pam Newton from Belmores Chartered Accountants both said they get a lot out of delivering meals on wheels.

"We deliver one Tuesday a month and I love it," Narelle said.

"You get to know the customers over time and it's always good to

catch up with them and have a chat." "MHA Care know that there are a few months a year when we are too busy at work to take part, and they're fine with that, but we miss it when we can't do it and are always glad to get back to it."

Pam said that she felt like she was making a genuine and valuable contribution to customers lives through the service.

"I've come to realise that the human connection is as important as the food. Our customers' love to see a friendly face and have a chat about what's going on in town, and it feels good to be part of that," she said.

MHA Care volunteer coordinator Lorraine Northeast said that Christmas was a great opportunity to celebrate their volunteers, and thank them for their service.

"We couldn't provide this service without them, and it really does make a huge difference to the quality of life of our customers," she said.

"We've had a few volunteers retire this year as it's just gotten too much for them at their age, so we are in real need of new volunteers."

"We only need an hour a month, and even if people can't commit to being on the regular roster, we are happy to put them down as an emergency contact."

Heather Gilroy, who is in exactly that position, urges anyone who might be thinking about it to give it a try.

"The benefits far outweigh any inconvenience," she said.

"I'd recommend it to anyone."

If you'd like to find out more about volunteering, phone Lorraine Northeast at MHA Care on 5742 1111.



**More than just a good feed ...** Pam Newton and Narelle Page deliver meals on wheels once a month as part of their workplace's contribution to the community.



**Happy to help ...** Between them (from left): Rosemary Wright, Elvie Newby, Win Knight, Pat Petzke, Thelma Gread and Heather Gilroy have clocked up around 120 years of volunteering for meals on wheels.



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# Inquiry into spike in lives lost on Victorian roads

THE number of lives lost on Victoria's roads so far in 2019 is well up on the same time last year.

So far, 242 people have died on the state's roads this year, 29.4% higher than the 187 this time last year, and authorities are so concerned that a parliamentary inquiry has been announced.

In a broad-ranging review, the Legislative Council's Economy and Infrastructure Committee will examine how Victoria's Towards Zero 2016-2020 Road Safety Strategy plans to reduce fatalities, and community input is being invited to help find solutions.

Committee Chair Nazih Elasmr said, as a community, we need to work together to look at why this is happening and what can be done to turn the trend around.

"Fatalities on our roads affect communities and families across Victoria, so the committee hopes that people throughout our state will contribute their views and suggestions to our inquiry," Mr Elasmr said.

Among the issues being considered are the adequacy and scope of drug and alcohol testing, as well as current speed enforcement measures and speed management policies.

"Distractions while driving, such as smart phone use, are a factor in road accidents, so we want to explore what can be done, including through technology, to address this problem," Mr Elasmr said.

Other issues being examined include measures to improve the affordability of new vehicles with driver assist technology, and the adequacy of driver training programs. The committee will also look at current road standards and road maintenance.

"There is no single solution to dealing with Victoria's road toll. That's why we need to consider a wide range of issues and options as part of this inquiry.

"We will be examining, in particular, the different circumstances and different responses required in metropolitan and regional areas."

Public submissions to the inquiry are welcome until December 20, 2019, with public hearings to be held in 2020.

The inquiry's terms of reference and details on how to make a submission are available from the committee's website.

Submissions can be made via email to: [roadtollinquiry@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:roadtollinquiry@parliament.vic.gov.au), by using the eSubmissions form to be found at [parliament.vic.gov.au](http://parliament.vic.gov.au) or by sending a hard copy to The Secretary, Economy and Infrastructure Committee, Parliament House, Spring Street, East Melbourne Vic 3002.



Another load ready to go ... Rotary Club of Numurkah president elect Jennifer Rodger, past president and battery collector Geoff Holmes and outgoing president Lorraine Greenwood with another load of donated used batteries ready for recycling.

## Rotary performing magic trick with batteries

THE Rotary Club of Numurkah is once again showing its can-do attitude, this time performing the magic trick of turning old batteries into family swimming pool passes.

The club is collecting vehicle batteries from local businesses and individuals, selling them to recyclers and then using the proceeds to purchase family season passes to Moira Shire's network of public pools for the benefit of families in need.

Numurkah Rotary president Lorraine Greenwood told the *Leader* that the club viewed it as a win-win situation.

"On the battery side of it, they are things that people no longer have a use for that are just sitting around, and knowing that we'll use them for the good of the community gives them a bit of a push to finally get rid of them," she said.

"On the other side, with times being what they are, quite a few local families are doing it tough at the moment and, with school holidays just around the corner, it adds

pressure to spend money to keep the kids entertained.

"Pool entry for four children is \$14, so we thought that a family pool season pass would be something that could provide real benefit for a family over the summer holidays."

Battery collections are going well, with a couple of loads already being taken to the recyclers and netting well over \$500.

Rotary member Geoff Holmes, who has taken on responsibility for the task of collecting and recycling the batteries, said it provided a service to the community on different levels.

"I picked up a couple of batteries from a mobility scooter that the owner said he couldn't move on his own, so that helped him out as well," he said.

"It's something where the volume will slow down a bit after we've collected a few stockpiles, but it will also be something that will always be there on an ongoing basis

because batteries are used in a lot of things, and will always need to be recycled."

The Rotary Club of Numurkah is planning to supply pool season passes to five families from each local primary school, and applications to benefit from the program can be made through the schools.

In the future, they are also looking into paying sporting club membership fees for kids whose families are having a hard time affording them.

Collection points for used batteries are Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing, Numurkah Bearings and Hydraulics, Numurkah Home Hardware, Ultimate Auto Repairs, GKH Electronics, Agnew's Plumbtec, Stephen Holmes Enterprises Pty Ltd and Wheelers Auto Electrical.

If you have batteries to donate but aren't able to make it to a collection point, contact Geoff Holmes on 0428 845 074 for private collection.



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# Maxwell gets parliamentary answers on local dairy and police

TANIA Maxwell, Derryn Hinch's Justice Party MP for Northern Victoria, has received answers to recent constituency questions she asked in state parliament regarding assistance for northern Victorian dairy farmers, and the absence of a 24-hour police presence in Moira Shire.

Council Standing Order 8.08 requires answers to constituency questions - which relate to matters in the member's electorate and are directed to the Minister whose portfolio gives them responsibility for that matter - be provided in writing within 14 days.

Ms Maxwell asked her question regarding police resources in Moira Shire to Minister for Police and Emergency Services Lisa Neville on October 17.

Ms Maxwell said that she had held a forum with residents in Cobram on September 19 at which they raised many issues of concern, including the lack of a 24-hour police station anywhere in the Moira Shire, and therefore the lack of quick response times to some calls for help, as well as the disincentive for people to even report crimes at all.

"I therefore ask the Minister whether she will agree to accompany me to meet with locals to discuss increasing the station's hours of operation and/or increasing police presence throughout the shire," Ms Maxwell said.

**The Minister's reply stated:**

All Victorians receive a 24-hour police response regardless of where they live, and the Victorian Government is committed to continuing to work with Victoria Police to meet the demands of the local community.

The Chief Commissioner of Police recognises that proactive operations, putting resources where they are needed and responding to calls for assistance, will best address crime and community concerns. Victoria Police therefore continues to balance counter service hours to the public in a flexible manner to ensure the best possible use of available resources.

The government continues to support Victoria Police through a record \$3 billion police investment which is delivering 3,135 new sworn police officers, state-of-the-art intelligence systems, new technology, new and upgraded police stations, and stronger laws. As part of this investment an additional 19 police officers have already been deployed or allocated to the division that services residents in Cobram.

Victoria Police constantly review its operational decisions in order to increase the level of service provided to the community and your feedback will contribute to this process. I encourage you and your constituents to continue to provide feedback to Victoria Police on local community safety.

In a statement received by the Leader, Ms Maxwell expressed her disappointment at what she described as a blanket response.

"I would encourage the members of the Cobram community to write to the Minister and express their frustration at being treated as second class citizens," she said.

"I don't believe the Minister understands the levels of resourcing or the distance travelled by Victoria Police when they are required to attend an incident.

"Whether that incident is minor or major, the public still expect to have a response of physical attendance within a reasonable time frame. Given that Wangaratta to Cobram is approximately an hour, this can potentially leave the community in a vulnerable situation."

Ms Maxwell posed her question regarding the State Government's plans to assist northern Victorian dairy farmers to Minister for Agriculture Jaclyn Symes on October 31.

Commencing her question, Ms Maxwell referred the Minister to the October 16 comment of the government's recently appointed rural assistance commissioner, Peter Tuohey, in which he stated:

"... the dairy industry, it's pretty much on the brink of collapse in Northern Victoria."

Ms Maxwell noted that Mr Tuohey's comment was made prior to the dramatic water price spikes which occurred in the last half of October.

"I would assume the Minister accepts Mr Tuohey's view and therefore ask her if she could inform my constituents what new measures and improvements are urgently being put in place by the government to address this devastating situation in the dairy industry across our electorate," Ms Maxwell said.

**The Minister's reply stated:**

The Victorian Government values the dairy industry and its contribution to Victorian regional communities and economies.

I have visited northern Victoria and met with local dairy farmers. I have seen first hand the difficulties facing some dairy farming businesses and recognise the importance of the industry to the local economy.

The Victorian Government is helping our dairy farmers in northern Victoria with programs that support on farm planning and infrastructure development, one-on-one consultations to enable farm businesses to transition to innovative and efficient production systems, funding for infrastructure to build drought preparedness and resilience and providing a dedicated dairy support program through the Rural Financial Counselling Service.

In May, the Victorian Government announced measures worth over \$2.7 million that included support for northern dairy farmers who continue to be affected by seasonal conditions and high input costs.

On October 2, 2019, the Victorian Government announced a further \$31.6 million in assistance for farmers affected by drought and dry conditions across the state, including the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District.

Northern Victorian dairy farmers will benefit from:

- a continuation of business planning and technical decision-making support;
- a Catchment Management Authority drought employment program;
- the Farm Employment Exchange program to be delivered by the Victorian Farmers Federation;
- waiver of the Domestic and Stock Bore Licence Fee (for new bores);
- grants up to \$5,000 for business decision support and drought preparedness infrastructure;
- household financial assistance payments of up to \$3,000 to families in need to be delivered by the Country Women's Association of Victoria.

On October 16, 2019, I announced the appointment of a new Rural Assistance Commissioner, Mr Peter Tuohey, to provide insight on the challenges and opportunities facing Victoria's regional and rural communities. A key focus for Mr Tuohey will be the rollout of the drought assistance package and understanding the impacts of the dairy transition occurring in northern Victoria.

The Dairy Roundtable, an industry led initiative, has met six times since March 2018. The meetings have focused on gaining a shared understanding of the challenges facing the region and identifying where services need to increase, maintain or decrease. Mr Tuohey attended the most recent Dairy Roundtable meeting held on November 1, 2019.

Following the minister's reply Ms Maxwell released a statement saying that given that the dairy industry in northern Victoria is certainly on the brink of collapse, there should be immediate, urgent proactive measures put in place to assist these farmers whose lives must be suffering in these terrible times of drought.

"Without our dairy industry, our economy will be severely affected and the livelihoods of many will be destroyed for years to come, most possibly never able to recover and get back to their agricultural land which they so loyally tend to each and every day," Ms Maxwell said.

"Whilst the monetary grants will assist in some way and the other initiatives will provide support perhaps for these struggling farmers, this is not the time for words, there needs to be action."



**Golden girls ...** Despite being some of the oldest on the track in the 40 plus division, Debby Kirne and her team mates took out the 4 x 1500m gold.

## Debby shows the youngsters how it's done

WHEN most people think about running, the thought alone makes them want to have a nice lie down, but not Debby Kirne.

For 54 year-old Debby, running is her happy place - and now she has the medals to prove it.

With colleagues from the Bendigo Athletics Club, of which she has been a member for the past 12 years, Debby was part of two successful relay teams in the 40 plus division at Athletics Victoria's Victorian Track Relay Championships in Melbourne two weeks ago.

At the end of the event, Debby travelled home carrying the precious cargo of a silver medal for the 4 x 100m relay event, and a gold medal for the 4 x 1500m event.

Debby told the Leader the gold medal win was especially satisfying for her and her team mates for a number of reasons.

"We were 200 metres behind at the start of the last leg and we won it in the last 70 metres, which is a huge effort," she said.

"To come from behind like that and win was so exciting, and we also set a record for the Bendigo Athletics Club in the 40 plus division. The previous best time for the 4 x 1500 for Bendigo was 26 minutes and 11 seconds, and we ran it in 24 minutes 32 seconds.

"On top of that, we were some of the oldest on the track, as we were all aged between 44 and 67, so that was pretty satisfying as well."

Though Debby has previously won gold in the 50 plus division, this was her first gold in the 40 plus division, which added another layer of achievement.

Debby, who has been running for around 30 years on and off, trains five times a week and competes in Bendigo every Saturday.

She said the effort and commitment involved is far outweighed by the benefits.

"It's really great for your fitness obviously, but also for your mental health, and I've met great people through running as well," she said.

"I'm mainly an 800 metres runner, but with the club you have to do lots of sprint and distance work, so it really keeps you race fit and I like that.

"They chose the relay teams to make



**Making it look easy ...** Debby runs the second leg of the 4 x 1500m relay.

sure that everyone got an equal run, and without consideration for anybody's preferred distances, which is how I ended up with the shortest and longest runs, but that was okay because of the way we train.

"Besides, I think it all turned out pretty well."

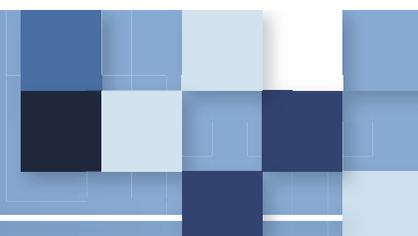
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The wonderful support of the Numurkah District never fails to endorse our decision to continue to conduct our annual rural agricultural show. We will see you all again next year.

Sue Aldridge, Secretary

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## DEATHS

## FUNERAL NOTICES

**CLARDEY (Rensen)** — Prayers of Johanna Hendrika. Late of Katunga. Passed away peacefully on November 30, 2019 aged 88 years at Karinya, Numurkah. Dearly loved wife of Neil Snr (dec.). Loving Mum to Cornelia and Keith (Woods); Nel (Mackenzie); Johanna; Neil and Hayley; Oma and Great Oma to their families.

### Reunited With Pop

Weep not for me my darlings, For although I've gone today, All is well, my heart can sing, There is no pain today, I ask you to be happy, Then I can be at peace, If I know that you are grieving, My happiness will cease. When the angels called to me, I had to go alone, To make for you and everyone, Another happy home.

Mum, Sweet is the sleep that ends all pain, We would not wake you to suffer again. In God's garden you rest above, In our hearts you rest with love.

Love Neil and Hayley; Braiden, Sally and Quillian; Kameeka, Sam and Sierra; and Tearren.

**LAMBERT** — Ernest William 23.5.1934—30.11.2019 Late of Cobram and formerly of Mywee and Boolarra. Passed away peacefully in Numurkah Hospital. Aged 85 years. Loved and loving husband of Helen, father of John and Deane, father-in-law of Heather and Peter, and grand dad of Jodie, Daniel, Sarah and Clare. He will be sadly missed.

**CLARDEY** — Prayers of Thanks giving for Mrs. Johanna Hendrika Clardey will be offered at St. John's Catholic Church, Tocumwal Road, Numurkah **TOMORROW MORNING**, Thursday December 5, 2019 commencing at 10 am, after which the cortege will leave for the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery.

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**LAMBERT** — A service to celebrate the life of Mr Ernest William Lambert will be held in St Joseph's Church, Macfarland Street, Barooga commencing at 11:00am on Friday, December 6th, 2019, after which the cortege will leave for the Cobram Lawn cemetery.

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# A new shirt for Liz

by "The Shankster"

LIZ Dell made a welcome addition to her wardrobe on Saturday when she took home the Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal shirt after a terrific round of golf.

Liz finished her round with a great score of 70 nett to win the day by two shots from Sue Plattfuss.

The Bevs, McIntosh and Hutchins, both scored 73 nett to head the list of the ball winners, followed by Helen Schmedje, Julie Hannaford and Kath Hepworth, all on 74.

None of the women managed to get onto the par threes around the front nine, after the wind had picked up and played havoc with their shots.

Playing the back nine first, Helen Schmedje managed to get onto the 15th with a great shot, and Nola Dalton played a beauty to the 18th to win nearest the pin.

Nola also had the best scratch score of the day, with 83 shots.

Bev McIntosh enjoyed the perfect weather conditions last

Wednesday, to put together a great round of 70 nett to win division one with a bit of over-kill.

Bev Hutchins was runner-up, behind Bev Mc, with 74 nett, continuing her recent run of good form.

Merren Carr took out division two with 73 nett, just nudging out Lauris Ashton on 74, which turned out to be a very popular number amongst the women, with four players all on the same score.

Losing the countback were Julie Daniel and Nola Dalton, while Robyn Hodgkin and Sharon Cruickshank picked up the last of the balls, with 76 nett.

Jeanette Adams and Bev Hutchins both played terrific shots to the par three greens, winning nearest the pins on the seventh and 18th, respectively.

Lauris Ashton put in a good performance in last Thursday's chick run, the only player to play to her handicap, with 18 stableford points.

Jeanette Adams and Bev Hutchins both finished with 17 points to be joint runners-up.

There was a trio of winners in division two, Marion Tobin, Vickie Stephens and Merren Carr all coming in with the top score of 16 points, so there was no runner-up.

Merren Carr earned herself another point towards the points trophy with nearest the pin on the 18th hole.

Today's golf will be a stableford round, with a draw for partners at 9am for a 9.15am hit off.

Saturday will also be stableford, then next Wednesday will be the final monthly medal round for the year.

The club's annual pro-am event will be held on Friday next week, and anyone thinking about playing is urged to get their names in to Anthony at the clubhouse as soon as possible.

The following day is the Christmas fourball event, followed by the members' Christmas party.



**Building a wardrobe ...** Liz Dell played a great round of golf on Saturday to win the monthly medal round.

## Newbs takes out B grade title

NUMURKAH golfer Allan Newby has taken out the Goulburn Valley Veteran Golfers' Association's B grade championship, the winners being announced at the association's annual Christmas party event on Monday.

Winners of the four grades were decided on the best two scores of three possible rounds, with a D grade added this year.

The method of determining the champion in B, C and D grades was on aggregate net stroke scores, while A grade remained as gross stroke score.

A grade champion (0-10 hcp) was John Keller, Hill Top; C grade champion (16-19) Shane Pollock, Kialla; D grade champion (20-36) Lawrie Steward, Mooroopna.

The winners will be presented with a championship shirt at the first event in 2020.

An early start to avoid the heat on Monday certainly proved effective for the Goulburn Valley veteran golfers' with the temperature climbing to a maximum of 19°C.

Despite the blustery conditions, 121 golfers tested the Mooroopna golf course, with plenty of interest in playing the three new holes on the modified course.

Freer's Panel Works sponsored the day, and a Christmas luncheon topped off a good year for the association.

Rich River golfer Graham Peat won A grade with 35 stableford points, from Gary Bow from Nagambie, with 34.

B grade went to Peter Mangan with the day's highest score of 39 points, ahead of

runner-up, Phil Steers from Euroa, who won a countback on 38 points.

Kialla's Ray Gourlay took out the C grade event with 36 points, ahead of Mooroopna's Peter Lahiff, winning a countback on 35 points.

Nearest the pin was played on the 144 metre 10th hole. A grade winner was Tom McConchie (Parkland), B grade, Lindsay Simms (Mooroopna) and C grade went to Brian Rosenbrock (Euroa).

Down the line balls were awarded to Martin Schofield, Jim Georgiou, Hugh Gunn, Peter Curtis, Terry Allan, Dennis Koik, Philip Jarvis, Trevor Price, John Fuller, William Green, Neil Hutchins, John Mortimer, Geoff Hamill, Bruce Morris, Ray Coleman, Shane Pollock, Bob Wildes, Gerald Pennefather, Richard Stockdale, Phil Cooper, Barry Spencer, Will Mason, Maurice Webb, Les Hall, Bill Murphy, Geoff Squires, Max Dawber, Ian Clarke (Kialla).

The association's next event at Parkland on Monday, January 20 is a fourball event and will include the annual meeting, so there is an early start of 8.30am assembly for a 9am tee.

Members are urged to consider the possibility of serving on the committee in 2020 and go along prepared to submit a nomination.

Following the AGM is the annual Central Challenge on February 24, 2020 hosted by Shepparton Golf Club. This event is limited to 60 players from each association and there is no handicap restriction, first in and paid up (\$20) secures a spot.

## Jack heads hot field

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

JACK Hepworth had a day out in last Thursday's midweek competition at Numurkah Golf Club.

Scoring 42 stableford points on a high scoring day, Jack led the 30% of the field that played better than their handicap.

Runner-up to Jack was the in-form Frank Houlihan on 41 points. Both players were awarded golf ball packages in recognition of their day's achievement.

Other players whose scores earned them a pro ball were: Neville Smith and Bruce Collins 40, Steve Mackay 39, Peter Cowan, Pete Mallins, Mark Hegarty, Les Summerville all 38, Bill Green and John Mackay 37, Sam Robertson, Alan Newby and Geoff Partington 36, Ian Hannaford 35.

Don Rosie earned the tin of boiled lollies by having the low score of the day, 20 points.

Jack Hepworth's round included him winning two nearest the pin awards, namely the GMCU ball on the fourth hole and the Pruden Carpentry ball on the 18th.

Hugh Gunn's legendary driver earned him the players' sweep money on the seventh hole, while Sam Robertson struck a high, curling drive and a short chip to win Dennis and Roy's ball on the two-shot 14th hole.

Once again, Graeme Sprunt avoided having to pay out a sponsor's ball when nobody could land on the 15th green.

Burly Mark Hegarty earned the day's Mickey Mouse ears by placing his drive on the 10th tee high, wide and ugly to finish inside the green-keeper's work shed!

If you would like to join us this Thursday, assemble in the clubhouse at 8.30am for a 9 o'clock shot gun start. Visitors and guests are most welcome.

# Gary's first ace

Continued from back page.

Balls down the line went to Matt Ebborn and Neville Smith with 69 nett, Barry Pruden and Sam Robertson on 70, and Mark Hegarty and Chris Reynolds on 71.

Bill Green's shot to the fourth hole finished just on the front of the green, but was good enough to win nearest the pin and the players' jackpot.

No-one got closer than Garry Hosie on the seventh, although Paul Collins tried to one-up his hole-in-one, for some reason marking his name down on the marker after playing a nice shot to

the green.

Paul Arnel didn't feature amongst the winners, but at least played the back nine par threes well, winning both nearest the pins on the 15th and 18th.

Three sets of Mickey Mouse ears were handed out on Saturday, one going to Paul Collins for his misdemeanour on the seventh.

The second set went to Garry Hosie for his shank into the dam on the sixth, and the third pair went to Rod 'Rocket' Campbell for hitting his tee shot on the 18th onto the roof of one of the cabins.

There was a good turnout for last Wednesday's chicken run, which allowed for prizes to be awarded in three grades.

John Smith had the score of the day, with a terrific 31 nett, to win A grade, well clear of Matt Ebborn on 36.

Brad Tweed got away with an easy win, his 38 nett good enough to win B grade ahead of Mark Hegarty on 39, while Rob Lowrie had a great score of 34 nett to win C grade. Alex Gattuso was runner-up with 39 nett.

Paul Collins won nearest the pin on the 18th hole.

This Saturday's golf will be a stableford round, but there are some big events coming up before Christmas.

The following weekend will be a big one, beginning with the annual pro-am event on Friday, December 13, followed the next day by the Christmas fourball, and the club members' Christmas party.

David Ludington has also put up the list for entries for the 2020 Hoax Triples event in March, and anyone interested in playing is asked to get their name up as soon as possible.

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## Cricket

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##### A GRADE

#### NUMURKAH v NAGAMBIE

Toss won by Numurkah, batted first  
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

D Grandell b N Fothergill.....	35
M Price b J Moore.....	26
W Arnel b N Fothergill.....	0
SE Downie c & b J Sanderson.....	30
M Eckard c & b J Sanderson.....	64
K Jackson run out.....	7
L Gledhill b MC Nolan.....	83
J Lau b MC Nolan.....	45
T Braybon not out.....	4
M Cline not out.....	7
Extras (nb 4, w 1, b 2, lb 1).....	8
Total.....	8/309 (cc)

Overs 80.0  
FOW: 65 (D Grandell) 65 (W Arnel) 68 (M Price) 138 (SE Downie) 146 (K Jackson) 179 (M Eckard) 287 (J Lau) 300 (L Gledhill). Bowling: MC Nolan 20.0 2 2 88; B Biggs 20.0 1 0 94; N Fothergill 15.0 5 2 47; J Moore 5.0 0 1 18; J Sanderson 20.0 6 2 59.

#### KATANDRA v EUROA

Toss won by Katandra, batted first  
1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

B Clurey c & b SS Dadallage.....	31
B Black c J Robertson b SS Dadallage.....	20
L Patel lbw b R Dowell.....	2
A Riordan c D Redfern b SS Dadallage.....	22
JM Wright c J Robertson b M Priyadarshana.....	25
S Richardson c D Grant b M Priyadarshana.....	38
RJ Ireland b SS Dadallage.....	1
JG Wright c J Robertson b SS Dadallage.....	2
H Sirett c R Dowell b L Paul.....	24
C Hickford b M Priyadarshana.....	43
RW Shannon not out.....	0
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 11, lb 4).....	15
Total.....	223

Overs 72.2  
FOW: 49 (B Clurey) 51 (L Patel) 57 (B Black) 84 (A Riordan) 106 (JM Wright) 117 (RJ Ireland) 123 (JG Wright) 159 (H Sirett) 220 (C Hickford) 223 (S Richardson). Bowling: AI Crosbie 6.0 2 0 30; J Smith 6.0 1 0 12; R Dowell 13.0 4 1 31; SS Dadallage 23.0 2 5 58; D Wilson 5.0 0 0 18; M Priyadarshana 12.2 3 3 33; L Paul 7.0 0 1 26.

#### 1ST INNINGS - EUROA

D Redfern not out.....	0
J Robertson not out.....	5
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 0).....	0
Total.....	0/5

Overs 4.0  
Bowling: C Hickford 2.0 1 0 0; H Sirett 1.0 0 0 4; JM Wright 1.0 0 0 1.

#### KARRAMOMUS v WAAIA

Toss won by Karamomus, batted first  
1ST INNINGS - KARRAMOMUS

C Crouch c.....	0
J Ibbotson c.....	6
TX Kelly lbw.....	34
T Belford c.....	27
M McGrath c.....	70
N Jones c.....	15
S Turner lbw.....	46
L Forge lbw.....	0
L Sibley c.....	14
A Heslin b.....	16
J Kerr not out.....	4
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 3, lb 1).....	4
Total.....	236

Overs 77.1  
FOW: 0 (C Crouch) 11 (J Ibbotson) 51 (T Belford) 97 (TX Kelly) 140 (N Jones) 152 (M McGrath) 153 (L Forge) 187 (L Sibley) 227 (A Heslin) 236 (S Turner). Bowling: MJ Cleeland 15.0 4 3 37; J Trower 14.0 6 1 36; L Henderson 10.0 2 0 30; C Brown 11.0 0 0 40; J Cleeland 12.0 1 2 38; M Stuart 7.1 3 2 11; C Walpole 6.0 0 2 28; H Hixon 2.0 0 0 12.

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#### CENTRAL PARK/ST BRENDANS It NUMURKAH

Toss won by Central Park/St Brendans, bowled first  
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

SE Downie not out.....	120
M Price not out.....	62
Extras (nb 3, w 1, b 6, lb 2).....	12
Total.....	0/194 (cc)

Overs 20.0  
Bowling: RR Yze 3.0 0 0 29; FA Mirza 4.0 0 0 38; P Cormican 1.0 0 0 21; XG Chalkley 4.0 0 0 40; KG Miller 4.0 0 0 29; AG Butcher 3.0 0 0 17; SL Simpson 1.0 0 0 12.

#### 1ST INNINGS - CENTRAL PARK/ST BRENDANS

J McCarten c SE Downie b B Smith.....	5
P Cormican b M Cline.....	6
RR Yze c B Smith b M Grandell.....	48
XG Chalkley c K Jackson b M Grandell.....	5
FA Mirza c & b M Cline.....	27
M Trevaskis run out (M Cline, M Price).....	2
AG Butcher lbw b M Eckard.....	13
KG Miller b M Eckard.....	25
A McMillan c M Grandell b T Braybon.....	9
SL Simpson not out.....	5
K Hogeboom not out.....	4
Extras (nb 2, w 1, b 2, lb 3).....	8
Total.....	9/157

Overs 20.0  
FOW: 11 (J McCarten) 21 (P Cormican) 54 (XG Chalkley) 68 (RR Yze) 78 (M Trevaskis) 102 (FA Mirza) 113 (AG Butcher) 128 (A McMillan) 150 (KG Miller). Bowling: M Cline 3.0 0 2 13; B Smith 2.0 0 1 17; M Eckard 4.0 0 2 42; T Braybon 3.0 0 1 16; L Gledhill 3.0 0 0 10; M Grandell 3.0 0 2 38; J Pruden 1.0 0 0 11; J Lau 1.0 0 0 5.

#### NORTHERNERS It KATANDRA

Toss won by Katandra, batted first  
1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

B Clurey c & b J Sidebottom.....	34
A Riordan c & b T Sidebottom.....	20
S Richardson lbw b J Sidebottom.....	4
JM Wright not out.....	54
H Sirett c J Brett b M Brett.....	18
L Patel not out.....	15
Extras (nb 0, w 7, b 1, lb 2).....	10
Total.....	4/155 (cc)

Overs 20.0  
FOW: 46 (A Riordan) 57 (S Richardson) 64 (B Clurey) 125 (H Sirett). Bowling: RN Sidebottom 4.0 0 0 20; J Brett 4.0 0 0 37; J Sidebottom 4.0 0 2 31; T Sidebottom 3.0 0 1 25; Z Newbound 3.0 0 0 25; M Brett 2.0 0 1 14.

#### 1ST INNINGS - NORTHERNERS

B Pedretti c B Black b C Hickford.....	0
R Lau c A Riordan b S Richardson.....	12
J Brett c JM Wright b H Sirett.....	1
M Brett c B Black b S Richardson.....	22
RN Sidebottom c H Sirett b C Hickford.....	47
T Brett st JG Wright b JM Wright.....	8
M Hall c A Riordan b L Patel.....	23
DT Collins b C Hickford.....	13
Z Newbound not out.....	1
T Sidebottom b S Richardson.....	2
J Sidebottom not out.....	1
Extras (nb 0, w 7, b 2, lb 1).....	10
Total.....	9/140

Overs 20.0  
FOW: 2 (B Pedretti) 6 (J Brett) 44 (M Brett) 44 (R Lau) 58 (T Brett) 101 (M Hall) 136 (RN Sidebottom) 136 (DT Collins) 139 (T Sidebottom). Bowling: C Hickford 4.0 0 1 26; H Sirett 3.0 0 1 21; S Richardson 4.0 0 4 25; A Riordan 3.0 0 0 20; JM Wright 4.0 0 1 25; L Patel 2.0 0 1 20.

#### KYABRAM def WAAIA

Toss won by Waaia, batted first  
1ST INNINGS - WAAIA

Extras (nb 1, w 8, b 0, lb 0).....	9
Total.....	5/132 (cc)

Overs 20.0  
Bowling: C McClay 4.0 0 2 31; A McKenzie 4.0 0 0 17; PD Parsons 4.0 0 2 31; L Hanslow 4.0 0 0 24; A Young 4.0 0 0 29.

#### 1ST INNINGS - KYABRAM

PA Newman c.....	36
PD Parsons run out.....	34
K Mueller c.....	37
A Gillespie not out.....	15
K Fitzgerald c.....	0
Extras (nb 1, w 9, b 0, lb 1).....	11
Total.....	4/133 (cc)

Overs 20.0  
FOW: 57 (PA Newman) 90 (PD Parsons) 132 (K Mueller) 132 (K Fitzgerald).

#### B GRADE

#### PINE LODGE v NUMURKAH

Toss won by Pine Lodge, bowled first  
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

D Hughes b S Hayes.....	0
S Spicer lbw b T Waters.....	0
J Pruden c LM Trevaskis b T Waters.....	43
A Cline b S Hayes.....	72
S Dawson st LM Trevaskis b R Kearney.....	26
B Naughton c T Knight b S Hayes.....	20
D Ebborn b S Hayes.....	7
H Verhoeven c H Cann b S Uppal.....	15
M Martin c D Singh b S Uppal.....	17
RL Lacuin not out.....	17
B Roberts not out.....	10
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 12, lb 7).....	19
Total.....	9/246 (cc)

Overs 80.0  
FOW: 0 (D Hughes) 2 (S Spicer) 63 (J Pruden) 145 (A Cline) 165 (S Dawson) 178 (D Ebborn) 183 (B Naughton) 209 (H Verhoeven) 223 (M Martin). Bowling: S Hayes 17.0 3 4 65; T Waters 16.0 5 2 44; D Singh 22.0 9 0 26; W Batey 9.0 1 0 19; S Uppal 9.0 0 2 45; R Kearney 7.0 2 1 28.

#### EUROA v KATANDRA

Toss won by Euroa, batted first  
1ST INNINGS - EUROA

R Jones lbw b AE Nicholls.....	30
KJ Robertson c M Koutroubas b C Simpson.....	3
N Burke b C Simpson.....	0
L Hill c S Dickson b AE Nicholls.....	40
P Anderson c C Simpson b R Wardle.....	11
C Norton c R Wardle b AE Nicholls.....	0
T Stefanos c N Minogue b R Wardle.....	29
N Hill b AE Nicholls.....	4
N Dowell lbw b AE Nicholls.....	2
C McCombe c T Wilson b C Simpson.....	5
Z Rawlings not out.....	1
Extras (nb 3, w 0, b 8, lb 6).....	17
Total.....	142

Overs 57.2  
FOW: 10 (KJ Robertson) 14 (N Burke) 42 (R Jones) 69 (P Anderson) 76 (C Norton) 91 (L Hill) 95 (N Hill) 105 (N Dowell) 113 (C McCombe) 142 (T Stefanos). Bowling: N Minogue 6.0 2 0 11; C Simpson 13.0 7 3 22; R Wardle 13.2 2 2 42; J McKinnon 2.0 0 0 15; AE Nicholls 20.0 9 5 29; T Wilson 3.0 1 0 9.

#### 1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

M Koutroubas not out.....	14
C Simpson not out.....	23
Extras (nb 2, w 0, b 11, lb 2).....	15
Total.....	0/52

Overs 22.0  
Bowling: C Norton 7.0 3 0 22; Z Rawlings 5.0 2 0 9; T Stefanos 4.0 2 0 6; N Dowell 4.0 1 0 2; R Jones 1.0 0 0 0.

#### WAAIA v KARRAMOMUS

Toss won by Karamomus, batted first  
1ST INNINGS - KARRAMOMUS

B Jones c SG Moore b K Tatt.....	36
N Laffy c JD Johnson b D Wilson.....	25
CN Delahey c M Daniel b M Sunny.....	17
JM Dhosi b K Tatt.....	7
T Murray lbw b R Trimby.....	35
P Trevaskis c D Wilson b K Allen.....	35
S Green lbw b JD Johnson.....	31

J Keating c D Booth b R Trimby.....	8
C Michel b BJ Daniel.....	22
L Keady b BJ Daniel.....	13
B Dehne-Jenkins not out.....	1
Extras (nb 4, w 4, b 6, lb 2).....	16
Total.....	246

Overs 68.5  
FOW: 46 (N Laffy) 82 (CN Delahey) 82 (B Jones) 95 (JM Dhosi) 152 (P Trevaskis) 190 (T Murray) 198 (J Keating) 212 (S Green) 245 (L Keady) 246 (C Michel). Bowling: BJ Daniel 9.0 0 2 35; D Booth 6.0 1 0 20; JD Johnson 16.0 1 1 60; D Wilson 5.0 0 1 19; K Tatt 10.0 4 2 17; M Sunny 8.0 2 1 24; R Trimby 9.0 0 2 37; K Allen 6.0 1 1 26.

#### 1ST INNINGS - WAAIA

A Ciavarella c B Jones b C Michel.....	6
K Tatt lbw b L Keady.....	0
D Wilson c B Jones b L Keady.....	0
M Daniel c JM Dhosi b L Keady.....	2
Extras (nb 1, w 0, b 2, lb 0).....	3
Total.....	4/11 (cc)

Overs 8.0  
FOW: 0 (K Tatt) 7 (D Wilson) 11 (M Daniel) 11 (A Ciavarella).

Bowling: L Keady 4.0 3 3 2; J Keating 2.0 0 0 7; C Michel 2.0 2 1 0.

#### C GRADE

#### KARRAMOMUS v NUMURKAH

Toss won by Karamomus, batted first  
1ST INNINGS - KARRAMOMUS

A Taylor c & b D Roberts.....	2
T Guppy c S Morris b J Verhoeven.....	62
A Shields b D Roberts.....	0
DJ Hall b H Lambert.....	1
CT Mears lbw b H Lambert.....	0
RB Chaston c & b O'Dwyer.....	17
J Thomas b O'Dwyer.....	4
D Moreno lbw b J Verhoeven.....	6
S Laffy b H McDonald.....	0
I Singh not out.....	41
C Jenkinson b H McDonald.....	0
Extras (nb 1, w 3, b 3, lb 2).....	9
Total.....	142

Overs 43.0  
FOW: 11 (A Shields) 11 (A Taylor) 16 (DJ Hall) 20 (CT Mears) 90 (RB Chaston) 90 (T Guppy) 98 (J Thomas) 100 (D Moreno) 142 (C Jenkinson) 142 (S Laffy). Bowling: H Lambert 7.0 2 2 16; D Roberts 5.0 3 2 11; R Dawson 7.0 0 0 42; B O'Dwyer 13.0 5 2 28; J Verhoeven 7.0 1 2 27; 2.0 0 0 8; H McDonald 1.0 0 2 5.

#### 1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

J Morris b C Wilkins.....	5
D Roberts c S Laffy b C Jenkinson.....	11
lbw b C Jenkinson.....	7
B O'Dwyer c I Singh b C Jenkinson.....	0
R Dawson run out.....	0
C Sessions run out.....	3
J Verhoeven not out.....	23
R Verhoeven not out.....	3
Extras (nb 1, w 2, b 8, lb 1).....	12
Total.....	6/64

Overs 34.0  
FOW: 8 (J Morris) 26 (B O'Dwyer) 26 (D Roberts) 35 (R Dawson) 35 (J 43 (C Sessions).

Bowling: C Wilkins 7.0 2 1 14; D Moreno 6.0 3 0 7; C Jenkinson 6.0 4 4 6; J Thomas 7.0 3 0 15; X Scott 3.0 2 0 7; I Singh 3.0 2 0 6; S Laffy 2.0 2 0 0.

#### UNDER 16 A GRADE

#### MOOROOPNA v NUMURKAH

Toss won by Numurkah, bowled first  
1ST INNINGS - MOOROOPNA

B Woods c, b B Smith.....	3
WL Wood c & b B Smith.....	4
B Metcalf c D Ebborn b.....	21
T Hall c & b.....	3
R Moon c D Ebborn b.....	48
J Wiggins b.....	0
C Meyer c & b.....	2
E Uniacke c D Ebborn.....	28
L Leahy not out.....	18
J Morcom c B Roberts b DC Baker.....	1
B Butts not out.....	2
Extras (nb 4, w 6, b 2, lb 0).....	12
Total.....	9/134 (cc)

Overs 45.0  
FOW: 3 (B Woods) 17 (WL Wood) 32 (B Metcalf) 34 (T Hall) 40 (J Wiggins) 42 (C Meyer) 68 (E Uniacke) 126 (R Moon) 131 (J Morcom). Bowling: B Roberts 3.0 1 0 6; B Smith 3.0 1 1 6.

#### MURRAY VALLEY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

##### ONE DAY GAME

##### PREMIER DIVISION

#### NATHALIA It COBRAM

Toss won by Cobram, batted first  
1ST INNINGS - COBRAM

W Van Zyl c L Quinn b CP Congues.....	40
L Hyde b A Jorgensen.....	3
B Eddy b A Jorgensen.....	4
A Decicco c L Quinn b H Congues.....	10
T Baden b A Congues.....	49
H Hyde run out.....	22
MB Artavilla b L Quinn.....	1
N Idles not out.....	12
N Hoban c H Hawks b A Jorgensen.....	17
J Beasley not out.....	0
Extras (nb 0, w 7, b 0, lb 0).....	7
Total.....	8/166 (cc)

Overs 45.0  
FOW: 21 (L Hyde) 35 (B Eddy) 58 (W Van Zyl) 58 (A Decicco) 127 (T Baden) 131 (MB Artavilla) 141 (H Hyde) 162 (N Hoban).

Bowling: CP Congues 6.0 0 1 42; A Jorgensen 6.0 2 3 20; H Congues 8.0 2 1 31; A Harding 7.0 2 0 26; L Quinn 9.0 1 1 20; A Congues 9.0 1 1 27.

#### 1ST INNINGS - NATHALIA

H Congues c A Decicco b W Van Zyl.....	0
L Quinn b N Hoban.....	31
A Harding c N Hoban b J Beasley.....	36
S Zammit c T Baden b N Hoban.....	2
A Jorgensen c L Hyde b T Baden.....	6

S Young c B Eddy b L Hyde.....	5
P Carroll b J Beasley.....	0
H Hawks run out (MB Artavilla, N Sneddon).....	5
CP Congues c & b A Decicco.....	6
JL Walpole c A Decicco b N Sneddon.....	0
A Congues not out.....	0
Extras (nb 0, w 13, b 1, lb 2).....	16
Total.....	107

Overs 32.3  
FOW: 1 (H Congues) 50 (L Quinn) 56 (S Zammit) 66 (A Jorgensen) 84 (S Young) 86 (P Carroll) 93 (A Harding) 107 (H Hawks) 107 (JL Walpole) 107 (CP Congues). Bowling: W Van Zyl 5.0 0 1 19; A Decicco 6.3 2 1 15; N Hoban 6.0 0 2 21; T Baden 6.0 0 1 27; J Beasley 4.0 0 2 13; L Hyde 4.0 2 1 9; N Sneddon 1.0 1 2 0.

#### KATAMATITE def TOCUMWAL

Toss won by Katamatite, batted first  
1ST INNINGS - KATAMATITE

A Erickson c & b C Shaw.....	18
J Magowan lbw b C Shaw.....	2
S Dorsey c & b A Bourchier.....	1
A Saunders c & b A Lean.....	64
B Beaton c & b TJ Downie.....	10
JO Van Zuyden c & b A Lean.....	7
T Casha b R Oliver.....	1
JM Tierney st J Balcombe b R Oliver.....	53
D Parnell lbw b A Lean.....	2
S Pool c & b R Rennick.....	8
B Beaton not out.....	0
Extras (nb 2, w 21, b 1, lb 3).....	27
Total.....	193

# Penguins shoot down Bombers

by "Horace Cope"

NUMURKAH'S GM3 East Penguins had to respond after last week's horror show against Nathalia and that is exactly what they did on the wind-swept Numurkah tennis courts on Saturday, when they took on the Kyabram Bombers.

This was a line in the sand moment for the Waddlers, and they got off to a great start when skipper Dave Ludington and Col Mackay cruised to an 8-1 win in their doubles set.

A feature of the win was Mackay's serving, as the wee Scotsman bamboozled his opponents with his clever use of angles and the wind to his advantage.

On the adjacent court, Chris Deitch and Craig Brown ground out an 8-5 victory in a match punctuated by some very good rallies.

Things were a lot more even on the ladies' side of the draw. The Penguinettes drew first blood as Billi Fasano and Lou Shannon got the chocolates 8-5, but the Kyabram side hit back, winning the second doubles set 8-3.

The old firm of Emma Schmedje and Lou Shannon then ground out a solid 8-3 win, which was a great effort as Lou had to have some treatment on her sore back half way through the game.

Carol Storer and Billi Fasano then dug deep for a nail biting 8-7 win in

their set.

Craig Brown and Dave Ludington set about their task with gusto in the last set before arvo tea, carving up their opposition 8-3. This brought about a few mini tantrums from one of their opponents, as teddy was hoisted from the cot on a few occasions, much to Ludington and Brown's delight.

Sitting down to arvo tea and looking for scones that never materialised, skipper Dave Ludington was quietly confident his mixed combinations would build on the comfortable 15 game lead the Penguins enjoyed, and that is how the remaining sets played out.

Col Mackay and Lou Shannon, in the number one spot, saluted 8-5, Ludington and Billi Fasano enjoyed an 8-4 win, while Chris Deitch and Carol Storer got up 8-6 in a good effort, as Carol had been struggling with tennis elbow for the past two weeks.

The Bombers received some consolation, winning the fourth mixed 8-6, but the Penguins had achieved their objective and got their season back on the rails with a morale boosting win.

Lou Shannon, Billi Fasano and Dave Ludington all won three sets, but it was a real team effort from the Waddlers who will go into this Saturday's clash with the Tatura Chargers chock full of confidence.

**RAVENS SWOOP ON PURPLES**  
Like the Penguins, the GM3 Open

Ravens also got their season back on track when they accounted for arch rival Nathalia, winning 7/68 to the Purples' 2/46.

Jonah Booth was welcomed back to the Ravens' nest, and he celebrated his return with a three set winning performance, partnering Pete Smyth, Hudson Storer and Nathan Page to 8-2, 8-6 and 8-7 wins, respectively.

Stand-in skipper Pete Smyth put in yet another commanding display, also winning three from three, winning his other two sets 8-5 with Hudson and 8-1 with Cathy Brown in the mixed.

Young Nathan Page continues to improve each week and he also joined the three set winning brigade, getting home 8-2 with Cathy Brown, 8-7 with Katie Mills and 8-7, as mentioned, with Jonah Booth.

It was a good all round team performance from the Ravens, who will be on home soil again this week when they take on Mooroopna in what should be a tight contest.

**CAITLYN, CASO AND CO CLOUT CROCS**

The GM2 Raiders cruised to another easy victory on Saturday when they clouted the Cobram Crocs, 7/69 to Cobram's 4/69.

Matt Cason and Caitlyn Price again led the way for the victors, each winning three sets for the afternoon in yet another display of great tennis.

Caitlyn had to work hard in her sin-



**Young learner**  
... Playing division two tennis has Hannah O'Brien improving her game quickly.

gles, getting home 6-5, but had a lot easier time of things in her doubles, partnering Cara Briggs to an 8-1 win before joining up with Caso for an easy 8-2 mixed win.

Cason only allowed his young opponent one game in their singles encounter, winning 6-1, before helping Elliott Small to an impressive 8-1 score line in their doubles set.

Andrew Storer won his singles 6-5

in a tiebreaker and went on to partner young Hannah O'Brien to an 8-5 mixed set triumph.

At only 12 years old, Hannah is improving with each game, and coming up against quality players, week in, week out, will only hasten that process.

This Saturday the Raiders, like the Warriors, will travel to Shepp to tackle the Lions.

## Thrilling flag win

NUMURKAH Croquet Club won its first ever golf croquet pennant flag in a nail-biting match last Thursday.

Numurkah White was the victorious team in a match where the result was not known until the last hoop of the day was played, taking victory 7/72 to Rich River Kangas 5/71.

It is the second consecutive game that White has won by a single hoop, the preliminary final also going down to the wire.

It was a great win by the Whites against the highly fancied Rich River Kangas, who had been at the top of the ladder all season.

This is the first golf croquet premiership for Numurkah since the inception of golf croquet pennant to the GVCA in 2008.

Numurkah member Lois Lowe was the driving force behind the

start of this competition, so it was fitting that she was a member of the victorious team.

Graham Tyack won both of his singles games, while the other three players all won one each, giving Numurkah a 2 games, five hoops lead.

The first set of doubles finished one all, but Numurkah's lead was reduced to four hoops.

Rich River's number one player, playing off a zero handicap, hit top form in the last of his doubles, winning 7-3 against Ian Londey and Lyn Hughes to level the hoops.

The final doubles match would decide the premiership.

Glenys Londey and Graham Tyack clinched the flag with a 7-6 win in an extremely tense finish.

First year player Graham Tyack capped off a consistent season by winning his four games in the grand

final.

Tuesdays golf croquet social play was abandoned after the first round of games, due to the constant intermittent heavy showers and howling westerly wind. No aggregates were recorded.

Numurkah's association pennant team played at home against Shepparton Green last Wednesday.

The very close match finished in a good win to Numurkah.

Both doubles pairs won, Louise Vale and Cheryl O'Dwyer 15-13, and Tricia Newman and Jennifer Sprunt 17-10, giving the team a two games, nine hoops lead before lunch.

The doubles finished two games all and Shepparton gained on hoops but was well beaten by Numurkah, 4/89 to Shepparton Green 2/84.

Numurkah will play Rich River at home today in the last match of the association pennant season.

## Warriors take Bulls by the horns

by "Horace Cope"

THE Numurkah Lawn Tennis Club's GM1 Warriors notched up their fifth win on the trot on Saturday, easily accounting for the Shepp Bulls, winning 7/67 to the Bulls' 3/42.

Helene Steward and new recruit Lisa Niglia had another terrific day on the courts, with Helene winning her three sets two, two and one, while Lisa was even more frugal on her way to winning her sets to nil, two and one.

These two girls are an integral part of the Warriors' title defence and, if they continue on with this type of form, it is hard to see any team threatening their dominance.

Grant Chappell also had a good day, winning his doubles 8-5 with Nick Fenaughty before getting home 8-7 in a cracking tie breaker win against Shepp young gun Fergus Kearney.

Grant then partnered Lisa Niglia for an 8-1 mixed win to cap off a good afternoon's work.

Nick Fenaughty won his two sets for the day, but threw a bit of a scare into the Warriors camp when he pulled a hamstring late in the day. Hopefully it is not too bad an injury and he will be back on the courts soon.

This week the Warriors do battle with the Shepp Lakers at Shepparton.

## Joe the demon in Saints' side

NATHALIA'S GM2 side travelled to the Shepparton lawn tennis courts and came away with a solid victory against the Saints, 7/68 to 4/52.

Joe Nihill got things under way with a strong 6-2 singles victory, and then backed it up with an 8-4 doubles triumph paired with Alex Bakogianis.

Laura Booth followed a similar path, winning her singles 6-3 and doubles 8-3 with Rose Nihill.

With only four games separating the teams heading into the mixed, the pairings were set

strategically, and all three came away with comfortable wins.

Joe and Laura finished the day three set winners, with Joe extending his set streak to 12-0.

**GM3 EAST**

In the battle between the top two sides on the GM3 East ladder, Nathalia succumbed to Tatura Chargers, but remain in the top spot on equal points.

It was expected to be a tight tussle, and that it was, with both teams winning 73 games each, but Tatura got the points with eight sets to Nathalia's five.

Helen Ginnivan was a

three-set winner on the day, winning 8-0 with Sue Lowe, 8-4 with Caitlin Bourke, and 8-1 with Dean Limbrick in the mixed.

The other two sets were won by Dean Limbrick and Nick Bakogianis, 8-6, and Nick and Caitlin won their mixed 8-2.

**GM3 OPEN**

The open match against the Numurkah Ravens was much closer than the final scores indicated, the final result not reflecting the number of deuces that were played.

The Ravens won 7/68 to Nathalia's 2/46.



**First timers** ... Lois Lowe, Ian Londey, Lyn Hughes, Graham Tyack and Glenys Londey were elated with their exciting premiership win.



**Son of a gun ...** Lachie Ash at training with GWS Giants on Monday morning, with Jake Riccardi and Tom Green.

# Ash goes to GWS

A YOUNG Invergordon footballer was taken by Greater Western Sydney as pick number four in last Wednesday's NAB AFL draft.

Defender Lachie Ash was outstanding as Vic Country co-captain at the 2019 NAB Under-18 Championships and was named in the Under-18 All Australian team.

Known for his clean disposal by foot and dash from defence, Ash played primarily in the backline in 2019 but has shown potential as a midfielder while playing for the Murray Bushrangers in the NAB League.

Giants' National Recruiting Manager Adrian Caruso said, "Lachie stands out for his run and carry off half-back."

"He performed strongly at all levels over the last three years and co-captained Vic Country in 2019."

"We feel like his ability to attack, and use his speed to create, is important in the modern game which is why we are delighted to bring him in."

"While Lachie has played most of his football down back, we think down the track there might be some scope for him to play other roles."

"His competitive nature and drive gives us confidence he will become a key member of our side."

The son of GVL hall of famer Stephen Ash, Lachie started his football playing with Katandra, before moving to Shepparton, where he played a limited number of games due to his commitment to the Murray Bushrangers, one of which was the 2018 premiership.

Lachie joins Sam Wright and Tom Clurey as other players from Invergordon to join the ranks of the AFL.

# Golfers double up

NUMURKAH Golf's midweek pennant bowlers took out the daily double on their own greens on Friday, with both sides recording wins.

The division one side defeated Cobram Two by an impressive 58 shots. Jan Niven's rink won 37-15, Robyn Hodgkin had a 30 shot win, 42-12, and Loris Houlihan won 26-20.

The division two bowlers showed their determination and fought back hard against Berrigan to win 79-64.

Karryn Nordbye stepped up to the skipper's position and steered her rink to a 26-22 win, Marie Ryan continued her good form and led her rink to a 28-22 win, and Merren Carr's rink was down early but picked up the pace, scored three shots on the last end, and won 25-20.

Numurkah Golf was represented by two very talented bowlers over the weekend.

On Sunday, the first day of summer, in wet and cold conditions, Katrina Glover played Kerry Baldacchino from Cobram, in the final

of the state singles at Cobram.

Kerry got off to a flyer and led 18-8, but Katrina's determination and skill saw her claw her way back in a marathon game, going down by just two shots in the end, 23-25.

The semi final and final of the Novice Singles was also held on Sunday, at Numurkah Golf.

Maree Luci played Patricia Donovan from Broadford in the semi final and staged an amazing comeback to win and go on to the final, where she played Sandy Thomas from Mooropna.

Maree started very impressively and had the pressure on her opponent for the whole match, winning 21-12 and will now go on to play in Bendigo in the new year.

Tocumwal Golf held its trade day on Wednesday. The winners from Numurkah Golf, who obviously enjoyed the pleasant conditions, were Gayle Smith, Jenny Sutcliffe and Yvonne Clark.



**11 up ...** Maree Luci (right) won the novice singles over Sandy Thomas on Sunday, and will go on to compete in Bendigo next year.



**Near neighbours ...** Terry Brennan takes a close look at the head, while Phil Perkins sends down a bowl on the next rink.

# Divvy four provides highlight

THE highlight of Saturday pennant for the Numurkah Bowls Club was the first win for the season for its division four side, which defeated cross town rival, Numurkah Golf, by 13 shots.

Arthur Crawford (s), Geoff Shaw, Neil Walker and Howard Lowe won 22-14, while Shani Davie (s), Noel Sutton, Ian Furness and John Fleming won by five shots.

In division one, top side Wunghnu showed its class over Numurkah with a 33 shot win, victorious on all three rinks.

Best for Numurkah was the rink of Peter Dealy (s), Ann Dealy, Gary Roulston and Phil Perkins, who held their own against the strong Barry Cosgrove team, losing 24-26, while Alan Rogers (s), Jim Cline, Col Jensen and Russell Morris were pipped on the last end, losing by three shots.

The division two bowlers again led at the afternoon tea break but, despite being competitive, could not sustain the effort required to win. Third placed Picola got the upper hand, winning on all four rinks in the 21 shot defeat.

Andrew Moffatt (s), Roger Newman, David Kennedy and Tony Morris lost 23-26; Sieg Seiter (s), Hugh Henderson, Ken Moffatt and Joel Howman lost by 4 shots and Rod Seen (s), Bill Seymour, Noel Murdoch and Neil Barnes lost 17 shots to 22.

Numurkah's Friday division one pennant team continued its good form from the week before

with a solid win by 24 shots.

The game was fairly even up to the halfway stage on the tricky Finley green, but Numurkah put their act together to win on all three rinks.

Shani Davie (s), Paul Rees, Phil Perkins and Geoff Shaw won 26-15; Pam Smith (s), Steve Wyatt, Robyn Gilmour and Col Jensen finished up by seven shots, and Ann Dealy (s), Peter Dealy, Jenny Stuart and Robyn Aumann won 24-18.

The division two side also travelled over the river, to Tocumwal, but struggled on the synthetic, going down by 35 shots.

Liz Rees (s), Hugh Henderson, Pam Carey and Lillian Nightingale came home with two points from their 27-22 victory, gaining them the Telegraph Hotel best winning rink award for the round.

The ladies' club events are well advanced. Viv Morris has made her way to the final of the club championship, and is now awaiting an opponent, which will be the winner of the game between Ann Dealy and Sue Shaw.

Viv is also in the final of the 100 up handicap event, defeating Jenny Rogers in the semi final, and will play Pam Smith, who won her way into the final with a victory over Robyn Aumann.

Robyn has already made it into the final of the 21 up handicap event, while Robyn Gilmour, Ann Dealy and Jenny Rogers are all still in the running for a final berth.

# Small bore

LAUREN Sneddon led the 20 metre prone event at last Thursday's Numurkah small bore Fritz Schmidt handicap night, scoring 197.1

Lou Cook led the 50 metre benchrest with 199.2, while there was a tie in the 50 metre prone, with Rod Hill and Glen Miles both scoring 199.2.

**SCORES**

20 metre prone: L. Braybon 91.1 95.1 186.2, L. Sneddon 81.1 76.0 157.1.

50 metre benchrest: D. Bradshaw 192.5, B. Braybon 191.7, C. Saxton 190.8, B. Braybon 189.3, E. Ryan 188.3, J. Matys 185.5, L. Cook 184.2, G. Miles 181.1, J. Matys 178.1.

50 metre prone: R. Hill 95.2 96.0 191.2, B. Sned-

don 93.3 92.4 185.7, A. Gibbon 93.3 86.1 179.4, G. Miles 90.2 89.0 179.2, D. Cook 88.0 91.1 179.1, H. O'Brien 85.1 89.1 174.2.

10 metre air supported: H. O'Brien 92, A. Gibbon 89, E. Ryan 58, E. Ryan 52.

There will be shooting as usual on Thursday night at Numurkah.

# Wunghnu sitting pretty at halfway mark

by "Davo"

WUNGHNU'S division one side continued its unbeaten run in the 2019/20 Murray Bowls Division pennant season, scoring a 33 shot home win over Numurkah Town on Saturday.

The division three team maintained its position in the top four after securing a draw against Numurkah Golf.

In cool, windy conditions, the top side won on all rinks, with the highlight being a come-from-behind 22-19 win by Russell Smith (s), John McKenzie, Peter Revell and Darryl O'Connor over Alan Rogers' quartet. "Smithy" and his men found themselves well down with a handful of ends remaining, but dug deep to score multiple counts on the last two ends to pinch the two points.

Andrew Henderson (s), Nick Davies, Todd Davies and Wendy Coles scored their second win in a row, this time accounting for Terry Brennan's rink 29-15. Whilst his players put down some quality bowls throughout the match, Henderson was the standout, playing every shot in the book and showing why he's been one of the leading skips in the competition for many years.

Barry Cosgrove (s), Doug Larkin, Rob Rodda and Lynton "Sticks" Stephens were solid as usual, fighting back from an early deficit to beat Peter Dealy

and his charges 26-24. "Sticks" put in a solid game at lead and appears to be relishing the challenge of leading for Cosgrove after so many seasons doing the same job for Henderson.

Trevor Hosie (s), Ray Hill, Graeme King and Allan Jones continued their winning ways, this time scoring a comfortable 33-19 victory over Ross Henderson's foursome. The win sees Hosie leapfrog Cosgrove to the top of the MBD skippers' table at the halfway point of the home and away season.

The win sees Wunghnu maintain its position at the top of the ladder, 34 points clear of Finley RSC in second place.

The Magpies head to Tocumwal Golf this Saturday for what could be a real danger game, considering Tocumwal is coming off an upset 40 shot win over reigning premier Barooga Sports.

The division three team hosted fellow top four side Numurkah Golf and came away with a draw, despite only winning on one rink. Despite falling just short of victory, the performance against one of the flag favourites was very encouraging heading into the second half of the season.

Ivan Newby (s), Mark Shelton, Damian Hommes and Les Clarke made it two on the trot, with a solid 21-15 win over David "Wiggy" Miller's rink.

Les Clarke was a standout in his second pennant game this season, leading well throughout and showing why he's a very handy addition to the club's pennant ranks.

Elisa Rigoni (s), Ian Gray, Peter Graham and Dean Graham put in a creditable performance against Allan Newby's rink, despite going down 21-26.

Dean Graham is another promising find for the Magpies, showing excellent touch for a relatively inexperienced bowler. With Dean and a number of other newish players coming through the ranks, the club's future looks bright.

Rob Robison (s), Jim Brown, Paul Richardson and Jack Rigoni, after being well down midway through their match against Ron Pickersgill's rink, came home with a wet sail to just fall short, 22-23.

The draw sees Wunghnu slip from third to fourth on the ladder, but still 18 points clear of this Saturday's opponent Tocumwal Golf Three.

In other news, the club singles competition is nearing its business end, with Russell Smith, Doug Larkin and Andrew Henderson all through to the semi-final stage. Barry Cosgrove and Nick Davies are set to play the last of the quarter finals this week, with the winner to take on Henderson for a spot in the final.



Stick it to 'em ... Lynton Stephens was a valuable contributor in Barry Cosgrove's rink on Saturday.

# Mixed bag for Golf bowlers



Just short ... Jan Niven and Geoff Sutcliffe watch as Lidija Patching sends down her bowl on Saturday.

by "Nipper"

A WIN, a loss and a draw was the way scores went for Numurkah Golf bowlers last Saturday.

The club's division one side managed to secure 14 points against Strathmerton, in what can only be described as a tough battle in trying conditions.

It was the wind that made things tricky at times, as well as a very determined Strathy side.

The winners on the day were the rink of Joe Luci, Ian Hocking, Neil "Nipper" Macklin and big Butch Browning, who earned two points for their seven shot victory.

Also on the winners' list was the rink of Brian "Chops" Stanger, Jack Dell, Sid Roughsedge and Loris Houlihan, who came away with an eight shot win, which they picked up on one end.

The closeness of the other two rinks shows just how much on the improve the Golfers are.

The rink of Rob Glover, Geoff Sutcliffe, Jan Niven and Lidija Patching fell agonisingly short by a single shot, and the rink of Mark Jones, Des

Staggard, Frank Houlihan and Brian "Groover" Gentle just missed out by three shots.

The 11 shot win places Golf in third position but there are still a lot of bowls to be put down before we can be satisfied with ourselves, and if we can do a job on Barooga this week on our greens, then we can only go forward from then on.

The division three side finished on 64 shots, as did its opponent, but with two rinks up to one, the Golfers got nine points and Wunghnu seven.

It was the rink of Allan Newby, Robyn Hodgkin, Alf Harrison and Yvonne Clark that led the way with a five shot victory, closely followed by the rink of Ron Pickersgill, Gary Edis, Col "Doc" Hicks and Linda Isted, who hung on by a single shot.

The rink of David "Wiggy" Miller, Gavin Parkinson, Kenny Hodgson and Bayden Parkinson found the Ivan Newby led rink just a bit too strong on the day, going down by six shots.

The division four side also found the going a bit tough on the slick Numurkah Town

greens, with both rinks falling short, by a total of 13 shots overall.

The rink of Lyn Browning, Clark Patching, Mark Smith and Jenny Connelly, together with John Pickersgill, Helen Pickersgill, Marion Tobin and Adam Bugeya, all performed admirably given the fact that there are a lot of first year bowlers in both rinks.

**Pennant teams for Saturday:**

Division one to play Barooga at home: M. Jones (s - duty), D. Staggard, R. Hodgkin, B. Gentle; B. Stanger (s), S. Roughsedge, R. Pickersgill, L. Isted; J. Luci (s), I. Hocking, N. Macklin, B. Browning; R. Glover (s), G. Sutcliffe, J. Niven, L. Patching.

Division three to play Cobram away, bus departs 12 noon: D. Miller, (s), K. Hodgson, J. Sutcliffe, B. Parkinson; G. Parkinson (s), G. Edis, C. Hicks, A. Bugeya; A. Newby (s), L. Browning, A. Harrison, Y. Clark.

Division four to play Barooga away, bus departs 12 noon: M. Ryan (s), M. Smith, M. Luci, J. Connelly; M. Carr (s), H. Pickersgill, M. Tobin, G. Smith.

# Local players drafted in new Bush Bash league

SOME local cricketers were picked up in the inaugural Crane Aid Goulburn Valley Bush Bash T20 League draft on the weekend. This is rural Victoria's first franchised T20 competition. The competition will consist of four teams comprising players from Bendigo, Goulburn Murray, Murray Valley, Albury Wodonga, Cricket

Shepparton and Victorian Premier Cricket. They will play three rounds, commencing on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at Barooga Recreation Reserve. The second and third rounds will be played on Sunday, January 19, and Sunday, February 2, respectively, with the top two teams meeting

in the grand final to be held under lights on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at Deakin Reserve. The four franchises are Cobram Panel Works Panthers, coached by Matt Jaensch, Jarvis Delahey Crushers, coached by Chris Keady and Paul Trevaskis, Hurley Hotel Hounds, coached by Paul Newman, and SRP

Mud Dogs, coached by Rohan Larkin and Bryan Doyle. Cobram Panel Works Panthers have drafted Adam Decicco (Cobram), Michael Eckard (Numurkah), Luke Quinn (Nathalia), Jordan Cleeland (Waaia), with its marquee player being Wian Van Zyl (Cobram). Jarvis Delahey Crushers have drafted

Andrew Riordan (Katandra), Corey Hickford (Katandra), Dylan Grandell (Numurkah), Ash Quinn (Nathalia), and Luke Patel (Katandra). Hurley Hotel Hounds have gained Jedd Wright (Katandra), whilst SRP Mud Dogs have picked up Hadleigh Sirett (Katandra), and Scott Richardson (Katandra).

## Morris and Ward grab a handful

NUMURKAH'S Callum Morris and Matt Ward both snared five wickets in their respective under 16 and under 14 cricket matches on Saturday to place their teams in good positions.

The undefeated under 16s took on third placed Mooroopna at Mooroopna on Saturday and elected to bowl.

Opening the bowling, both Bailey Smith and Bailey Roberts sent down fiery spells.

Smith took the first two wickets to fall, and Mooroopna was 2/17.

Hunter Verhoeven and Dylan Baker kept it tight before a bowling change brought success with three quick wickets to Callum Morris.

Morris struck again with his fourth and the home side was 6/42.

Connor Sessions broke a steadying seventh wicket partnership of 26 before Mooroopna stabilised yet again with a 58 run eighth wicket partnership. The home side finished with 9/134 off its allocated 45 overs.

Best of the bowlers were Callum Morris 5/7 off seven overs, Bailey Smith 2/19 off seven overs, while Dylan Baker and Connor Sessions both claimed one wicket apiece.

### UNDER 14

Numurkah's under 14s played Central Park/St Brendans Gold at Victory Park on Saturday and are in a prime position to keep their unbeaten streak on track.

Bowling first, it was a great start with a wicket to Riley Dawson when the score was on five. A run out saw the home side lose its next wicket with the score on 20.

Matt Ward entered the fray, and with his good line and length, he ripped through the home team's middle order, claiming four wickets which saw it fall to 6/50 and finally bowled out for 90 off 29.3 overs.

Matt Ward had career best figures of 5/11. Riley Dawson, Tyler Stephens, Nick Hughes and Lucas Roberts all claimed one wicket apiece.

In reply, Numurkah is 3/82 requiring a further nine runs to surpass the opposition's score, with Riley Dawson and Riley Dobson unbeaten on 33 and three respectively.

### UNDER 12

The Blues under 12s travelled to Mooroopna last Friday to take on the Mooroopna under 14s girls' side.

Batting first, Numurkah's openers Adam Kennedy and Ollie Ruscoe got off to a flying start, putting on 25 runs before retiring.

The quick wickets of Harry Ryan and Joseph Griffies saw the visitors 2/33.

Some good partnerships formed before Baz McDonald was out for a quickfire 14 off six balls, the Blues 3/71.

Toby Bell went quickly and, when Joel O'Dwyer fell, the score was 6/102.

A late flourish saw the visitors finish their innings with 5/125 off 25 overs.

There was some great batting from Adam Kennedy 19no, Ollie Ruscoe 18no, Nash Siermans 15no, Baz McDonald 14 and Kyren Dawson 12no.

In reply, the Mooroopna girls tried their best, but some really good bowling and fielding from Numurkah restricted the home side to 6/61 off its allocated 25 overs.

Kyran Dawson and Toby Bell both finished with two wickets, and Nash Siermans and Joel O'Dwyer both claimed one wicket apiece.

Numurkah plays NotreDame/St Brendans this Friday at Victory Park, commencing at 4.30pm.

## Cline top scores on one leg

ANDREW Cline displayed mental and physical toughness on Saturday after he did his hamstring early in his innings and went on to compile a team high score of 72 in just under three hours.

Numurkah travelled to Pine Lodge for its Clyde Young Shield B grade cricket match, and after losing the toss, the Blues were sent in to bat.

The innings didn't start well for the Blues, losing openers Daniel Hughes and Sam Spicer for no score.

James Pruden and Andrew Cline got together and put on a great partnership of 61 runs, before Pruden was dismissed for 43.

Captain Sean Dawson joined Cline, and the pair took the team through to tea with the score on 3/120.

Shortly after tea, Cline was finally dismissed for a well gathered 72.

At 4/145 Brad Naughton joined Dawson and the veterans pushed the score to 165, until Dawson was stumped for 26.

When Dusty Ebborn was bowled for seven, and Naughton was dismissed for 20, the Blues were 7/183.

The lower order of Hunter Verhoeven (15), Myles Martin (17), Reydan Lacuin (17no) and Bailey Roberts (10no) all contributed well to lift the Blues to the score of 9/246 after their allotted 80 overs.

### C GRADE

The C grade travelled to Vibert Reserve to take on Karamomus and have a task ahead of them, after a bat-

ting collapse left them in a vulnerable position at 6/64, chasing 142.

After losing the toss and being sent in to field, opening bowlers Hamish Lambert and Dave Roberts started well and had Karamomus in trouble at 4/20.

Karamomus was able to knuckle down and put on a 70 run partnership before Brett O'Dwyer broke through, and soon after Jason Verhoeven dismissed top scorer Travis Guppy to have Karamomus at 8/100.

Some late hitting by the tail boosted the total to 142 before they were bowled out by the Blues.

13 year old debutant Harry McDonald took 2/5. Hamish Lambert (2/16), Dave Roberts (2/11), Brett O'Dwyer (2/28) and Jason Verhoeven (2/27) were the other wicket takers.

The Blues' batting opened up with Jacob Morris and Dave Roberts, Morris losing his wicket with the score at eight.

Brett O'Dwyer joined Roberts, the pair getting the score to 26 before both lost their wickets. The loss of Riley Dawson (0), Callum Morris (7) and Connor Sessions (3) saw the Blues at 6/43.

The father-son combination of Jason (23no) and Reeve Verhoeven (3no) currently occupy the crease and have taken the score to 64, but, Numurkah faces an uphill battle to reach the 143 required, with four wickets remaining.

## Top team too tough for Purples

NATHALIA hosted Cobram in its Murray Valley Cricket Association, Premier Division game on Saturday and proved no match for the undefeated ladder leader, losing by 59 runs. Losing the toss and being asked to field, Nathalia claimed its first wicket with the visitors' score on 21.

The second wicket fell at 35 before a 23 run partnership was broken with the score on 58.

The Purples struck again, immediately claiming a Cobram fourth wicket for no additional score.

A fifth wicket partnership of 69 settled things down for the visitors and they batted their way to 8/166 off their allocated 45 overs.

Adam Jorgensen was the best of the bowlers with three wickets, and Luke Quinn together with the Congues boys, Clancy, Henry and Archie, took one wicket each.

In reply, the Purples lost opener Henry Congues for a duck with only one run on the board.

A 49 run partnership then ensued between Luke Quinn and Ash Harding before Quinn departed for 31 with the score on 50.

The home side appeared to lose its way after this, with Harding trying to hold one end up while wickets were tumbling around him.

When Harding was dismissed for a terrific 36, the Purples were 7/93 and were all out for 107.

This Saturday, Nathalia hosts Tocumwal.

### DIVISION ONE

Nathalia's division one cricketers travelled to Cobram on Saturday and were defeated by five wickets.

The Purples won the toss and batted, losing their first wicket at eight.

A handy 42 run partnership between Jamie Hardy and Gerard Warren developed before Hardy was dismissed for 14.

Warren, losing partners along the way, continued to belt the ball around the field, until he was finally dismissed for a well made 81.

The visitors compiled 7/131 off its 40 overs.

Cobram started well, putting on 31 for the first wicket before Clay Stevens made the breakthrough.

The home side continued to bat well and Nathalia found it difficult to break through the batsmen's defence.

Gerard Warren snared the second wicket with the score on 78 and claimed Cobram's third wicket to fall, with the score on 102.

However, the home side settled and reached 5/134 off 37.3 overs.

Gerrard Warren claimed two wickets and Angus Hawks, Clay Stevens, and Austin Morgan one wicket each.

Nathalia plays Deniliquin Rhinos this Saturday at Yalca North Recreation Reserve.

## Numurkah juniors chosen in representative team

REEVE Verhoeven and Mitchell O'Dwyer have been selected in the Shepparton District Junior Cricket Association under 14 representative team to take part in the Wangarratta challenge this Sunday.

Both play an integral part to their team, with Reeve stepping up to senior level this year, playing three matches in C grade, and Mitchell being part of the D grade premier-ship last year.

Riley Dobson will represent Numurkah in the under 13 representative team. Riley has worked hard and shown tremendous improvement this year and this is a good reward. Baz McDonald and Ollie Ruscoe

have been chosen in the under 12 representative team. Both have worked hard on their skills, with Ollie concentrating on his keeping and Baz working on his all rounder status.

## Katandra has the runs on the board

KATANDRA'S batsmen made amends from their dismal showing from their previous game, scoring 223 runs before being bowled out by Euroa in the 72nd over on Saturday.

Playing at Euroa, Ben Clurey and Brady Black were off to a good start getting to 49 before Clurey was out for 31.

The loss of Luke Patel (2) and Black (20) soon after slowed down the chase for runs.

Jedd Wright and Andrew Riordan then combined for a bit of a partnership before Riordan was dismissed by a good catch at bat-pad.

Scott Richardson joined Wright at the crease, and together they took the score to 106 before Wright was out for 25.

Euroa was then into the Eagles' lower order and pressed, claiming another two quick wickets to have Katandra in a precarious position at 7-123. However, Richardson batted really patiently with the tail, scoring 38 of 115 deliveries, and combined with Hadleigh Sirrett (24) and Corey Hickford (43) to put another hundred runs on the board to take their tally to a competitive 223.

Euroa faced four overs before the end of play and will resume this Saturday at 0/5.



Composure ... Scott Richardson watches his ball off the bat.

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# Waaia behind the eight ball



Effort ball ... Darcy Wilson sends another delivery down with a ring of fieldsmen poised and ready.

WAAIA'S B grade cricketers face an almost impossible task of defeating Karramomus in their Clyde Young Shield match after losing four quick wickets by the end of play on Saturday.

The Bombers, playing at home, won the toss and sent Karramomus in to bat.

The home side toiled hard all day, finally bowling the visitors out for 246 runs off 68.5 overs.

Ben Daniel, Kane Tatt, and Ryan Trimby all collected two wickets each and were well supported by Jacob Johnson, Darcy Wilson, Kevin Allen and Mohammad Sunny with one wicket apiece.

Waaia then had to face a tricky eight overs before the close of play and was unable to see it through without losing a wicket.

At the end of the day's play, Waaia is in a whole lot of trouble at 4/11, requiring a further 236 to win with six wickets remaining.

## UNDER 12

Waaia under 12 cricketers ventured out to Kialla Park Reserve to play Old Students White and were victorious by five wickets.

Losing the toss and bowling first,

opening bowler Tristen Hopkins started the match in great fashion as he took two wickets in his first over.

The young Bombers were dominant in the field, not allowing the Old Students batsmen any space.

Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals and Waaia ended the home side's innings with a great run out by Tristen Hopkins and Harry Halden with the score on 62.

Wicket takers for the Bombers were Tristan Hopkins, Kaleb Gilmour and Isaac Hopkins with two each, and Hughie Stammers, Aidan Bryant and Harry Halden all with one wicket.

Waaia's innings did not get off to a good start, losing their first wicket with the score on one.

The team then steadied and batted beautifully, surpassing the home side's score in the 15th over.

Kaleb Gilmour was the star with the bat, scoring his first half century, ending up with 52.

He was well supported by Tristen Hopkins (16no), Jacob Purdon (11no) and Aidan Bryant (7no).

Waaia finished with a score of 5/131 off 24 overs to take the win.

Waaia hosts Karramomus this Friday.

## Swans skittle Tocumwal

KATUNGA needed little time to defeat Tocumwal by seven wickets in its Murray Valley Cricket Association Division one match on Saturday.

Playing at Tocumwal, the Swans lost the toss and were asked to field. It wasn't long before they had claimed the first wicket with no score on the board.

The home side then put on a 36 run partnership before the second wicket fell.

The visitors squeezed Tocumwal with accurate bowling and terrific fielding and the next eight wickets fell in a domino effect for 29 runs, the home side routed for 65 off 23.3 overs.

Katunga in reply, started disastrously, losing

its first two wickets for three runs.

A third wicket partnership of 28 runs steadied the visitors before Ayden Youd was out for 19.

Brad Tweed (15no) and Daniel Henderson (40no) saw the Swans over the line with a score of 3/79 off 19 overs.

The Swans are on the road again this Saturday, playing Cobram at Cobram.

## DIVISION TWO

The Katunga division two cricketers were handed a win against Cobram due to Cobram not fielding a side.

Katunga plays at home this week against fifth placed Finley.

## Top knock from Wright

KATANDRA started its Cricket Shepparton "Love The Game" A grade T20 competition in fine fashion with a hard fought 15 run win over Northerners at Tallygaroopna last Thursday.

Winning the toss and batting first on what looked like another terrific batting pitch, Ben Clurey and Andrew Riordan got the ball rolling with a 46 run opening partnership before Riordan was out for 20. From there, the visitors kept the score ticking along, however they lost wickets along the way.

When Clurey was out for 34, Katandra was 3/64, however Jedd Wright and Hadleigh Sirrett combined for a terrific 61 run partnership before Sirrett was out for 18.

Wright then combined with Luke Patel to take the score to 4/155 off the allocated 20 overs.

Wright remained 54 not out off 37 deliveries, which included four fours and four sixes.

The bowling couldn't have started better with the home side being 2/6 and tumbling to 5/58 before Ryan Sidebottom took to the bowling attack.

Sidebottom was dropped when he had scored 25 and it appeared that it would prove costly to the Eagles, as he continued to hit boundaries.

However, when Corey Hickford finally dismissed him for 47, a further 20 runs were required for victory and Katandra bowled tightly to restrict Northerners to 9/140 and take the win.

Scott Richardson was the pick of the bowlers with 4/25 off four overs.

This Thursday, Katandra plays Waaia at Waaia.

## Blues pile on the runs

IN a top of the table tussle, Numurkah took on the undefeated Nagambie side, in its Haisman Shield A grade cricket match at Howley Oval, Tatura on Saturday and have set the ladder leaders a massive task to win the game.

After winning the toss and batting first, Blues' openers Dylan Grandell and Matt Price began very solidly, putting on a 65 run partnership, before Grandell was bowled for 35.

Will Arnel was next in, but was dismissed first ball, and this brought Shaun Downie to the crease, to face a hat-trick ball for the second consecutive game.

Only three runs were added before Price was bowled for 26, a top effort in his first stint opening the batting in A grade.

Michael Eckard joined Downie, and the pair put on 70 runs together before losing Downie for 30, the score 4/138.

A miscommunication between Eckard and Kody Jackson saw Jackson out for seven, to have the Blues sitting precariously at 5/146.

Liam Gledhill joined Eckard at the crease, with Eckard looking in ominous touch before he was caught and bowled for 64.

At 6/179, Jahlan Lau entered the crease to join Gledhill and the pair, with combined experience of almost 380 A grade games, went to work.

Together they put on a 108 run partnership, elevating the run rate along the way and lifting the total to 287 before Lau was bowled for a well compiled 45.

Their partnership of 108 broke the record for the highest seventh wicket Numurkah A grade partnership of all time.

Gledhill, with support from Tim Braybon, brought the total to 300 runs, before he was bowled for well composed 83.

Tim Braybon four not out and Matt Cline seven not out took the Blues to 8/309 off their 80 overs.

"We got off to a good start and had a small wobble, however everyone chipped in," said Gledhill.

"It was great to see a lot of the guys spend a majority of time in the middle.

"We now just need to ensure we bowl well next week," Gledhill said.

## Bombers need to bat

WAAIA will need to ensure its batsmen find some form if they want to win their second game of the Cricket Shepparton, Haisman Shield A grade season.

Heading out to Vibert Reserve last Saturday to play Karramomus, which is one rung lower than them on the ladder, the Bombers lost the toss and were asked to field.

Things could not have got off to a better start for Waaia, with the home side losing its first wicket before they had scored.

A second wicket soon followed, however a 40 run third wicket partnership steadied the home side.

Waaia toiled hard and finally made some multiple breakthroughs with Karramomus losing three wickets for 13 runs to be 7/153.

However, the home side settled again and

managed to reach 236 before being bowled out off 77.1 overs.

Mitch Cleeland was the best of the Waaia bowlers claiming three wickets, with Jordy Cleeland, Matt Stuart and Corey Walpole with two apiece and Jesse Trower with one wicket.

Waaia also played its first A grade T20 match for the season last Thursday and was defeated by six wickets in a thrilling match against Kyabram at Kyabram.

Scoring 5/132 from its 20 overs, Waaia set Kyabram a tough task.

However, the home side surpassed the Bombers' score in the final over of the match to finish with 4/133 and victory

Waaia meets Katandra in the next T20 round this Thursday at Waaia Recreation Reserve.

## Nicholls takes a fistful

KATANDRA'S Andrew Nicholls snared his first five wicket haul of the season as his side bowled out Euroa for 142 in its Clyde Young Shield B grade cricket match on Saturday.

The Eagles are in a great position to cement their place in the top half of the ladder should they complete the win next week.

Playing at Euroa, the home side won the toss and batted.

Clay Simpson made the initial breakthrough with the score on 10.

Katandra kept its bowling tight and wickets continued to fall on a regular basis.

A 29 run last wicket partnership broken by Rex Wardle finally ended Euroa's innings after 57.2 overs. Andrew Nicholls was the best of the bowlers with 5/29 off 20 overs, Clay Simpson and Rex Wardle claiming three and two wickets respectively.

Katandra was required to face 22 overs before the end of play and started the run chase well.

This Saturday, Katandra will resume its innings at 0/52 with Clay Simpson on 23 and Matt Koutroubas on 14, requiring a further 91 runs for victory with all wickets in hand.

## E GRADE

Katandra's E grade cricketers were down on their hands and knees and managed to somehow snatch victory from the jaws of defeat on Saturday.

Pine Lodge was bowled out for 172 in 35 overs with Riley Williams the main wicket taker with three.

Jack Collins and Ross Hopkins claimed two wickets each, and Russell Eden and Toby Wright one wicket apiece.

Katandra's run chase did not start well, losing its first two wickets for nine runs.

A 39 run partnership then ensued before Alexander Zinonos was

dismissed with the score on 48.

The home side then lost its next four wickets for 11 runs to be in trouble at 7/59.

At 9/84 they were looking down the barrel of their first loss of the season.

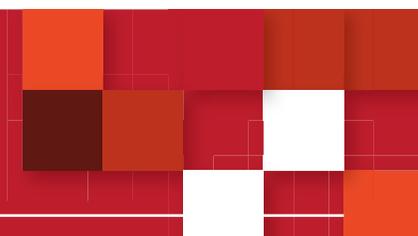
However young Finn Walters and Jett Wilson both had other ideas.

The two junior players combined for a last wicket partnership of 89 runs, to grab victory and remain undefeated at the top of the ladder.

Walters was the last batsman out for a terrific knock of 52.

Katandra plays host to Dhurrin-gile Cricket Club this Saturday.

# NumurkahLEADER Sports



All I wanted for Christmas ... Garry Hosie retrieves his ball from the hole on the seventh green.

by "Archie Bunker"  
 ON what started out as a nice day for golf until the winds picked up, Garry Hosie had a day he will remember for the rest of his life, scoring a hole-in-one on the seventh.  
 Garry was having a somewhat ordinary round, and had a horror sixth when he shanked a ball into the dam from 25 metres out, but he shook off his bad hole and stepped up on the seventh feeling just a little bit of angst.  
 He then hit a perfect nine-iron shot that took its first bounce just on the front of the green, rolled up nicely and fell in the hole.  
 Not certain whether it had gone in the hole or over the back of the green, as often happens with holes-in-one, Garry and his playing partners made the walk up to the green full of suspense, to find the ball nestled securely beside the flagstick in the hole.  
 Garry said it has taken him 48 years to achieve what is every golfer's dream.  
 Saturday's golf was a Compusult monthly medal round, and it was Roy

Peterson who had a day out, winning his second monthly medal shirt in two weeks.  
 Roy had a great start to his round, with two pars and a birdie, and finished the day with a great score of 66 nett, knocking out two other golfers who finished with scores that would normally have been good enough to win.  
 In fact, Roy could have had anything, noting that his score included a lost ball on the fifth, and a ball in the dam on the sixth that added a few shots to his score. He did a great job to then grit his teeth and hold on to complete a great round.  
 Runner-up to Roy in B grade was Col Stone, who won a countback on 69 nett.  
 The winner in A grade was Bob I'Anson, with a great score of 67 nett. Bob's handicap has risen a bit lately, as he has not been hitting the ball too well, but that certainly changed on Saturday.  
 Garry Hosie continued on with some good golf after his ace on the seventh to come in with a fine 68 nett and take the A grade runner-up placing.  
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# Garry's first ace

# A ton of fun for Downie

SEAN Downie scored his first century of the season in the first of the Cricket Shepparton "Love The Game" A grade T20 matches last Thursday.  
 Batting through the entire innings, Downie recorded a magnificent 120 off 58 deliveries to steer his side to victory.  
 The Blues travelled out to Central Park to take on Central Park/St Brendans, and Numurkah captain Liam Gledhill had no hesitation in

batting first.  
 Shaun Downie and Matt Price opened up and got off to a great start and, after five overs, were 0/51.  
 The pair rotated the strike very well and punished the loose deliveries, and after 10 overs the Blues were 0/85.  
 The pair lifted the run rate over the next 10 overs, to be 0/133 after 15, and in the 18th over, Downie brought up his century, one filled with shots all around the ground.  
 With a great half century to Price,

the Blues finished their 20 overs without losing a wicket and with 194 runs on the scoreboard, in a tremendous batting display.  
 Downie finishing with 120, and Price 62 off 65 deliveries.  
 "Sean's knock was extraordinary," said Gledhill, "it was wonderful to watch."  
 "It was also great to see young 17 year old Matt Price get some runs."  
 Matt Cline and Bailey Smith opened the attack, and Smith captured the

first wicket with the score on 11.  
 Cline chipped in soon after for his first wicket, to have the home side 2/21.  
 The dismissals of Chalkley and Yze followed, before a great piece of work by Matt Cline in the outfield forced a run out, to have Central Park/St Brendans in trouble at 5/78.  
 Some solid boundary hitting pushed the score up to 102, before Cline was in the game again, catching a skied ball off his own bowling.  
 The Blues were able to restrict the

home side to 9/157 after its 20 overs.  
 Matt Cline 2/13 off three overs, Michael Eckard 2/42, Mitch Grandell 2/38, Bailey Smith 1/17 and Tim Braybon 1/16, were the wicket takers for the victors.  
 "We took a lot of confidence from the win for Saturday," Gledhill said.  
 Numurkah plays Northerners at home tomorrow night in its second round T20 match commencing at 5.15pm.

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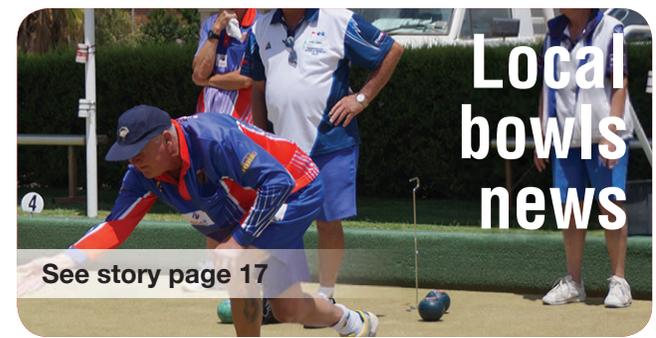
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